Critical Thinking 13.1 – pages 353-357

1. Why were cities particularly hard hit when the Roman Empire declined?
2. Why did the move to rural areas contribute to a decline in literacy?
3. How did Germanic and Roman soldiers differ?
4. Why did the Church support Clovis’s campaigns against other Germanic peoples?
5. How did Pepin the Short expand the authority he had inherited?
6. In the painting on page 357, what do the sword and the cross symbolize?
7. How did Charlemagne challenge traditional Germanic government?