

Guided Reading Activity



Medieval Kingdoms in Europe

Lesson 2 *Peasants, Trade, and Cities*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: Changes in society, technology, and climate brought agricultural improvements to medieval Europe.

1. How did the use of iron affect medieval farming?

2. What change in crop rotation increased farm yields?

B. Main Idea: The manorial system was an agricultural system by which serfs were legally bound to work a lord's land and were granted land of their own.

1. Who owned the land that serfs farmed?

2. What were the rights and responsibilities of lords?

C. Main Idea: A medieval revival in trade brought with it a growth in towns and a money economy.

1. Where were Europe's main medieval trading centers?

2. How did increased trade give rise to commercial capitalism?

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D. Main Idea: Medieval towns and cities reshaped feudalism and became important centers for manufacturing.

1. When did townspeople gain new rights, and why?

2. What benefits did guilds offer craftspeople?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What conditions and factors led to the growth of independent medieval cities?
