WHAP CH. 19 Essential Questions

Part 1

1. Why were England, France, and Spain able to unify when the Italian states and the Holy Roman Empire struggled? What were the foundations of these new nation-states?
2. What role did William of Normandy play in the development of England? Why was England able to develop a centralized government earlier than the other states of the age?
3. An old saying described the social structure of medieval Europe as “those who pray, those who fight, and those who work.” What does this saying really mean?
4. Examine the origins and growth of the Holy Roman Empire. What were its strengths and its main limitations?
5. What technological advancements increased agricultural production during the high middle ages? How did this increase influence European development?
6. Examine the growth of cities during the high Middle Ages. How did these cities establish a separate identity for themselves outside of feudalism? How did this transformation affect the social structure both inside and outside the cities?
7. Voltaire stated that the Holy Roman Empire was “neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire.” Is his statement a true assessment of the Holy Roman Empire? Did any of the European states that developed during the high Middle Ages deserve this title?
8. What was the code of chivalry? How did the development of chivalry affect the noble classes?