

Medieval Europe Geography Challenge

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Instructions Answer each question in complete sentences. Label your map according to directions. All information can be found on pp 4-5 of History Alive!

1. Label the continent of Asia on your map. What continent is located south of Europe?

2. Label the Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and Black Sea on your map. In what ways might these bodies of water have influenced life in medieval Europe?

3. Label the Seine, Thames, and Danube Rivers on your map. Why do you think large medieval cities were located along rivers?

4. Label the Pyrenees, Alps, and Carpathian Mountains on your map. What effect do you think these mountains had on life in medieval Europe?

5. Label England, France, the Papal States, the Holy Roman Empire, and the Byzantine Empire on your map. Each of these areas had a different leader. Why do you think Europe had no single government during the Middle Ages?

6. Label the cities of Constantinople, Hamburg, London, Paris, and Rome. What do the locations of all of these cities have in common? How might that have affected life in medieval Europe?

7. Color the areas of Europe in the “humid oceanic” climate zone green. Medieval farmers used plows to break up soil here. They rotated crops (e.g., planting wheat or rye in the fall, oats or barley in the spring). What does this tell you about the climate and soil in this zone?

8. Color the areas of Europe in the “subtropical dry summer” climate zone orange. In this zone, medieval farmers were able to grow a host of crops, such as wheat, olive trees, and wine grapes. What does this tell you about the climate and soil in this zone?

