

The Dark Ages
Guided Viewing Worksheet

1. What year did the empire fall? _____
2. Who invaded the Roman Empire? _____
3. Who was there leader? _____
4. Where did he learn his military skills? _____
5. What did they want most from Rome? _____
6. How did he conquer Rome? _____
7. What did the crowd at the Coliseum want to do with the dead gladiator and criminals? _____
8. What diseases entered the empire? _____
9. Who did Rome have to depend on for military services? _____
10. What did the Visigoths steal once they entered Rome? _____
11. What did they not find? _____
12. How long did they stay? _____
13. Name 3 Germanic tribes that entered the Western Roman Empire.

14. What happened to urban population? _____
15. What happened to the ancient Roman structures? _____
16. What was the Coliseum used for? _____
17. Who named this time period the "dark ages"? _____
18. Who was considered the New Emperor of Europe? _____
19. Who converted the Franks to Christianity? _____
20. What was the common thread for people in Europe? _____
21. Who legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire? _____
22. What Christian law did Clovis not follow? _____
23. What did Clovis do with conquered men? _____
24. What did Clovis do with his relatives? _____
25. What half of the Roman Empire suffered from the division? _____
26. What Byzantine king re-conquered lost Roman territory? _____
27. Who convinced Justinian not to flee from his empire during the Nika riot?

28. How many people were killed during the riots? _____
29. What is the name of Justinian's new cathedral? _____
30. What percentage of the population was killed by the plague? _____
31. How did the plague get to Constantinople? _____
32. What were the effects of the plague (2)? _____

33. What happened to the re-conquest of the west after Justinian died?

34. What percentage of children died during the dark ages? _____

35. Who had the best library in Europe? _____

36. What was his occupation? _____

37. Who created the standard for Monastic life? _____

38. What was it called? _____

39. Who fought the Spanish Moors at Tours in France? _____

40. Who was crowned the Emperor of Rome? _____

41. What Germanic tribe did he command? _____

42. What choice did Charlemagne give the conquered? _____

43. How many wives did Charlemagne have? _____

44. How many concubines? _____

45. How many children? _____

46. What day was he crowned emperor? _____

47. Who was the new threat to Europe? _____

48. Who did they target? _____

49. Who ruled Southern England? _____

50. What did he build to protect his people from Viking attack? _____

51. How long did they fight? _____

52. Who was the next threat after the Vikings? _____

53. What was "Peace of God"? _____

54. What was "Truce of God"? _____

55. Who called for the Crusades? _____

56. How many were there? _____

57. What was brought back to Europe as a result of the Crusades? _____

58. What happened to Europe during the 1000's? _____

59. The "Dark Ages" are between what two eras? _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. What year did the empire fall? **August 24, 410**
2. Who invaded the Roman Empire? **visigoths**
3. Who was there leader? **Alaric**
4. Where did he learn his military skills? **Roman military**
5. What did they want most from Rome? **Food**
6. How did he conquer Rome? **Blockage; starvation**
7. What did the crowd at the Coliseum want to do with the dead gladiator and criminals? **Buy for food**
8. What diseases entered the empire? **Small pox, measals**
9. Who did Rome have to depend on for military services? **Barbarian warriors**
10. What did the Visigoths steal once they entered Rome? **Treasure**
11. What did they not find? **Food**
12. How long did they stay? **3 days**
13. Name 3 Germanic tribes that entered the Western Roman Empire.
Goths, Franks, vandals, Saxons, Britains
14. What happened to urban population? **Declined**
15. What happened to the ancient Roman structures? **quarried their stone for homes**
16. What was the Coliseum used for? **Landfill**
17. Who named this time period the “dark ages”? **Petrarch**
18. Who was considered the New Emperor of Europe? **Jesus**
19. Who converted the Franks to Christianity? **Clovis**
20. What was the common thread for people in Europe? **Christianity**
21. Who legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire? **Constantine**
22. What Christian law did Clovis not follow? **Thou shalt not kill**
23. What did Clovis do with conquered men? **Put in the army**
24. What did Clovis do with his relatives? **Killed them**
25. What half of the Roman Empire suffered from the division? **Western half**
26. What Byzantine king re-conquered lost Roman territory? **Justinian**
27. Who convinced Justinian not to flee from his empire during the Nika riot? **Theodora**
28. How many people were killed during the riots? **30,000**
29. What is the name of Justinian’s new cathedral? **Hagia Sophia**
30. What percentage of the population was killed by the plague? **25-50% - ½ of the Byzantine empire. Black death today – 1,000-3,000 cases per year (10-15 in the USA); it’s very treatable if caught early.**
31. How did the plague get to Constantinople? **Flees on rats on cargo ships**
32. What were the effects of the plague (2)? **Military decline & economics**

33. What happened to the re-conquest of the west after Justinian died? **Military was withdrawn**
34. What percentage of children died during the dark ages? **50%**
35. Who had the best library in Europe? **Bead**
36. What was his occupation? **Monk**
37. Who created the standard for Monastic life? **Saint Benedict**
38. What was it called? **Rule of Saint Benedict**
39. Who fought the Spanish Moors at Tours in France? **Charles "The Hammer" Martel**
40. Who was crowned the Emperor of Rome? **Charles the Great (Charlemagne)**
41. What Germanic tribe did he command? **Franks**
42. What choice did Charlemagne give the conquered? **Convert or die**
43. How many wives did Charlemagne have? **5**
44. How many concubines? **5**
45. How many children? **20**
46. What day was he crowned emperor? **December 25**
47. Who was the new threat to Europe? **Vikings**
48. Who did they target? **Monks/Great Britain**
49. Who ruled Southern England? **Alfred the Great**
50. What did he build to protect his people from Viking attack? **Fortification of wood and earth**
51. How long did they fight? **25 years**
52. Who was the next threat after the Vikings? **Knights and local lords; conquered peasants**
53. What was "Peace of God"? **No fighting innocent people. Ex: clergy**
54. What was "Truce of God"? **No fighting on certain days. Ex: Christmas**
55. Who called for the Crusades? **Pope Urban II**
56. How many were there? **9**
57. What was brought back to Europe as a result of the Crusades? **Books, maps, languages**
58. What happened to Europe during the 1000's? **population growth**
59. The "Dark Ages" are between what two eras? **Roman Empire & Renaissance**