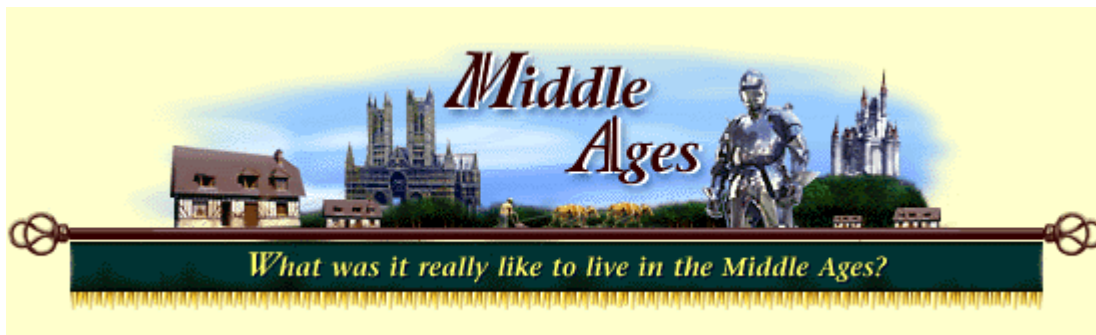


# *Life in the Middle Ages*



*Guided Reading Worksheet: Fill in the Blanks*

1. *As the Roman Empire collapsed, Western Europe was \_\_\_\_\_ from advanced cultures in Asia, overrun by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the barbarian tribes who settled in the region.*
2. *As law, order, and services broke down, widespread crop failures brought \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *As new waves of invaders attacked Europe, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ravaged populations. People lived in fear.*
4. *Later, a deadly disease called the bubonic plague, or \_\_\_\_\_, reached Europe by way of trading ships from \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *Normal life broke down. People fled \_\_\_\_\_ or stayed in their homes. Without workers, production declined. Peasants revolted.*
6. *Eventually, the bubonic plague killed \_\_\_\_\_ of all Europeans.*
7. *During the Middle Ages, most people were not \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ remained the language of Europe's scholars and churchmen.*
8. *During the Middle Ages, Europe was fragmented into separate competing \_\_\_\_\_ states. Monarchs shared power with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ officials.*
9. *Power struggles over \_\_\_\_\_ and to control peasant populations ravaged the continent. In 1066, \_\_\_\_\_ successfully invaded England from France. Later, England and France fought a series of conflicts known as the \_\_\_\_\_ War.*
10. *As warfare and invasions devastated the land, a political and economic structure developed in Medieval Europe known as \_\_\_\_\_.*

