

# *The Middle Ages*

## *Rulers and Invaders*



1. *In European history, a thousand years passed between the fall of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance. This era is known as the medieval period, or \_\_\_\_\_. Many historians also call this period the \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *As the Roman Empire crumbled, Western Europe was overrun and divided by \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization collapsed. \_\_\_\_\_, order, and peace were no longer maintained. Services broke down.*
3. *In the early Middle Ages, \_\_\_\_\_ tribes settled in Western Europe.*
4. *In the east, the Roman Empire became known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire. The Emperor \_\_\_\_\_ reconquered some of Southern Europe but his successors later lost these lands.*
5. *In the 600's, \_\_\_\_\_ invaders attacked parts of Europe. Later, Christians fought Muslims for control of Middle Eastern lands in a series of wars called the \_\_\_\_\_.*
6. *A new wave of invasions into Europe began in the late 700's when the \_\_\_\_\_ from Scandinavia attacked towns along the coasts and rivers. About 900, nomads called \_\_\_\_\_ invaded Eastern Europe.*
7. *During the Middle Ages, \_\_\_\_\_, or kings, ruled over the lands that were once the Roman Empire. The \_\_\_\_\_ Church was also very powerful. Church officials were linked to secular monarchs. \_\_\_\_\_ might even be nobles with lands and armies.*
8. *Medieval \_\_\_\_\_ eventually claimed they had papal supremacy, or authority over kings and emperors.*