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SPRITE Chart Modern World History

Culture/Civilization: Western Europe/ Feudal Society

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| *SOCIAL*  • Family  • Gender Relations  • Social Classes  • Inequalities  • Life Styles | -Women had little rights; men dominated.  -Nobles married daughters of villagers, or princess for politics.  -Monks were usually the best educated.  -Bigger rise of Anti-Semitism.  -Very unsanitary, belief that being dirty was closer to being godly. |
| *POLITICAL*  • Leaders, Elites  • State Structure  • War  • Diplomacy, Treaties  • Courts, Laws | -Feudal Hierarchy: Kings grant land (fiefs) to nobles, who own slaves or peasants.  -Serfs gave crop to kings in exchange for protection and land.  -The land was seperated in many countries, states.  -Magna Carta- England's limit to the king's power.  -Slavery was not banned, by government and religion. |
| *RELIGIOUS*  • Holy Books  • Beliefs, Teachings  • Conversion  • Sin/Salvation  • Deities | -Roman Catholic Church: Latin as main language.  -Celibate priesthood, Rejected secular interference.  -The Crusades: Unite east and west under Latin Church.  -Big religion conflict with Islam until today.  -Catholism a dominant religion, big part in the decision of politics. (crusades for example) |
| *INTELLECTUAL*  • Art, Music  • Writing, Literature  • Philosophy  • Math & Science  • Education | -The Crusades: Muslims showed food, luxuries, spices, knowledge.  -Spoke Latin as their main language.  -Gothic styles were the dominant designs.  -The start of many universities and schools: Paris, Oxford.  -Major advance in philosophy from Aristotle. Thoms Aquinas, a big figure. |
| *TECHNOLOGICAL*  • New Inventions  • New Tools, Weapons  • Ways to Improve Life  • Technical Solutions  • Infrastructure (water, roads, etc.) | -New weapons: Gunpowder from China, more plated armor.  -Gutenburg's press, made printing much faster.  -Spinning wheel, made making clothes 3 times faster.  -Chess: From the Gupta Empire.  -Sewage system went back to almost a primitive stage. |
| *ECONOMIC*  • Type of System  • Technology, Industry  • Trade, Commerce  • Capital/Money  • Types of Businesses | -Bubonic Plague: higher standard of living because fewer workers.  -Guild systems: workforces and places of a certain art and craft  -Coins of copper, silver, and gold.  -Marco Polo: great explorer, the retriever of many ideas.  -Opened trades, like Italy, and became big and rich. |

NOTES: As the trade systems, guild systems, and the belief that the feudalism was obsolete, the middle ages and the Dark Age came slowly to an end. Yeepee... Mostly, these times were filled with violence, fiefdom, and primitism until trades finally opened, bringing in new ideas and knowledges.