

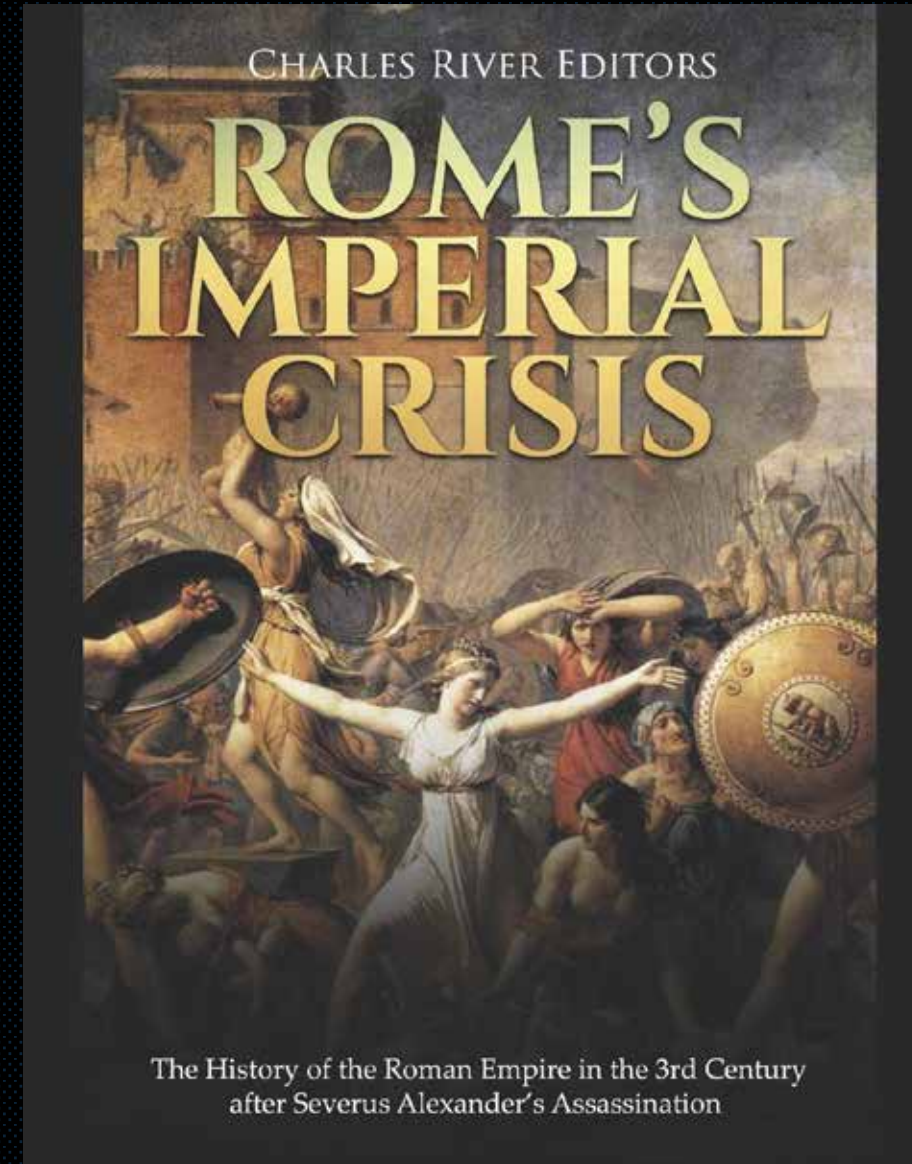


THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

BREAK UP OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION

Crises of the Roman Empire of the 3rd century

- ✓ A period in which the Roman Empire nearly collapsed under the combined pressures of **invasion, civil war, plague, inflation, and economic depression.**
- ✓ **Military Anarchy or the Imperial Crisis, (235-284 CE)**
- ✓ The Emergence of **Barracks Emperors**
- ✓ Up to **50 men** were proclaimed emperors
- ✓ Rise of **the Barbarians**



Diocletian and the division of the Roman Empire 3rd & 4th c. AD



Diocletian 284-305 CE





Constantine the Great 306 to 337 A.D.

- ✓ Emperor Diocletian (284-305 CE) split the **empire** into two, creating a tetrarchy or rule of four.
- ✓ **Constantine**, who would rise to the throne and reunite the split empire, moving the capital away from **Old Rome** and build a new capital.
- ✓ A capital that bear his name, **Constantinople**.



Constantine



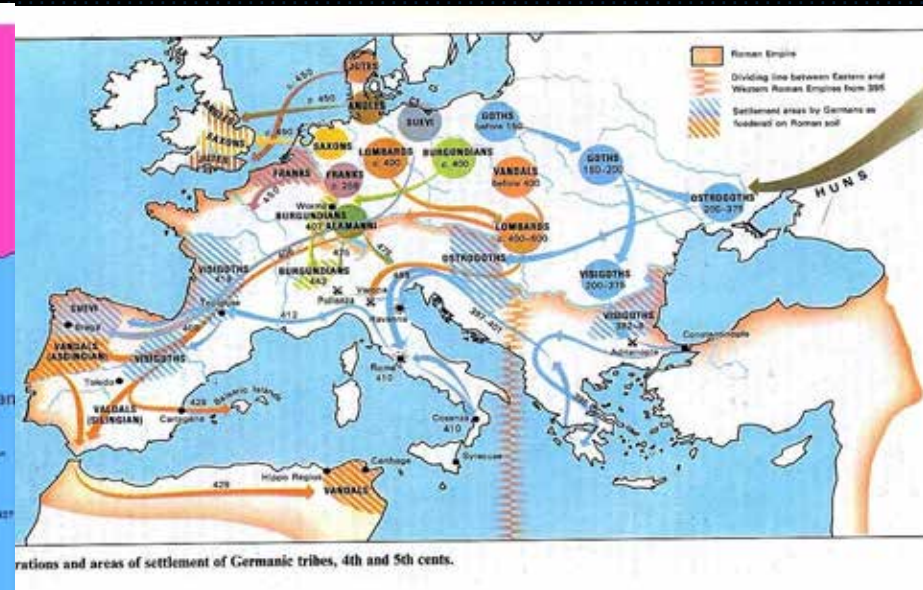
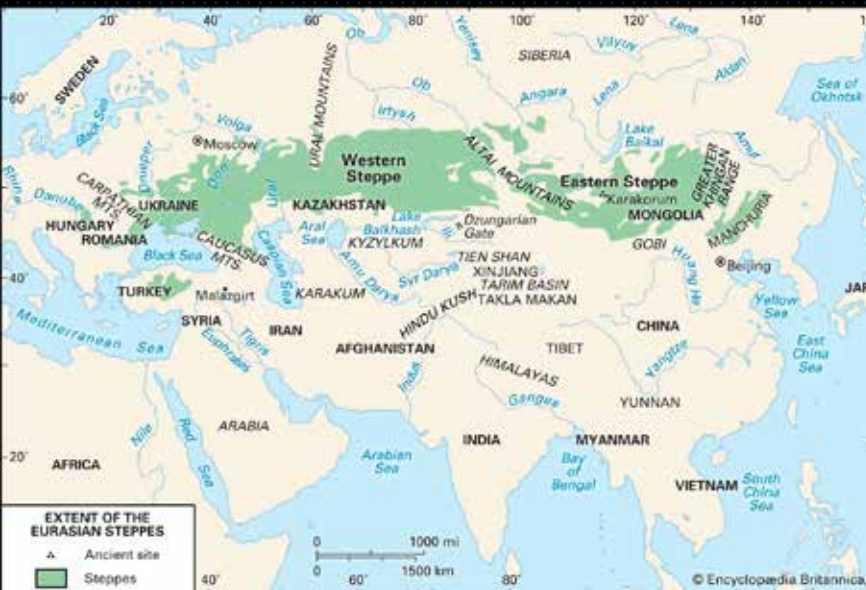
The Germanic Nomads/Barbarians
Invasion
&
The Fall of Western Roman Empire.



THE NOMADS ARE CONTROLLING THE WORLD

There were three different groups of nomads are going to control the world.

1. The Steppe (Central Asia, south Russia – The Turks & the Mongolians)
2. The Germanic tribes
3. The Arabs



The Germanic Nomad Tribes/ The Barbarians

- ✓ The word barbarian come from the Greek word “*Barbaros*” meaning someone who **did not speak Greek**.
- ✓ But **Romans** used it as **savage, cruelty, and primitive**.
- ✓ The Romans saw themselves as having a highly advanced civilization, and they looked down on the cultures of the people who lived beyond the borders of their empire.
- ✓ In AD122, **Emperor Hadrian** built a **wall** separating the **Roman part** of Britain from the mountainous land now called **Scotland**.
- ✓ The term was eventually used to describe anyone who lived beyond the borders of the Roman Empire.
- ✓ **Barbarians were:**
 - ✓ Goths, Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Germans, Celts, Alemanni, Franks, Huns, Vandals, Burgundians, Saxons...etc.



The Germanic Nomads' Culture

1. Tribes

- Small clan of few hundreds and all clans form a tribe and the attach other tribes and plunder them.
- They had No written Laws

2. Family Life

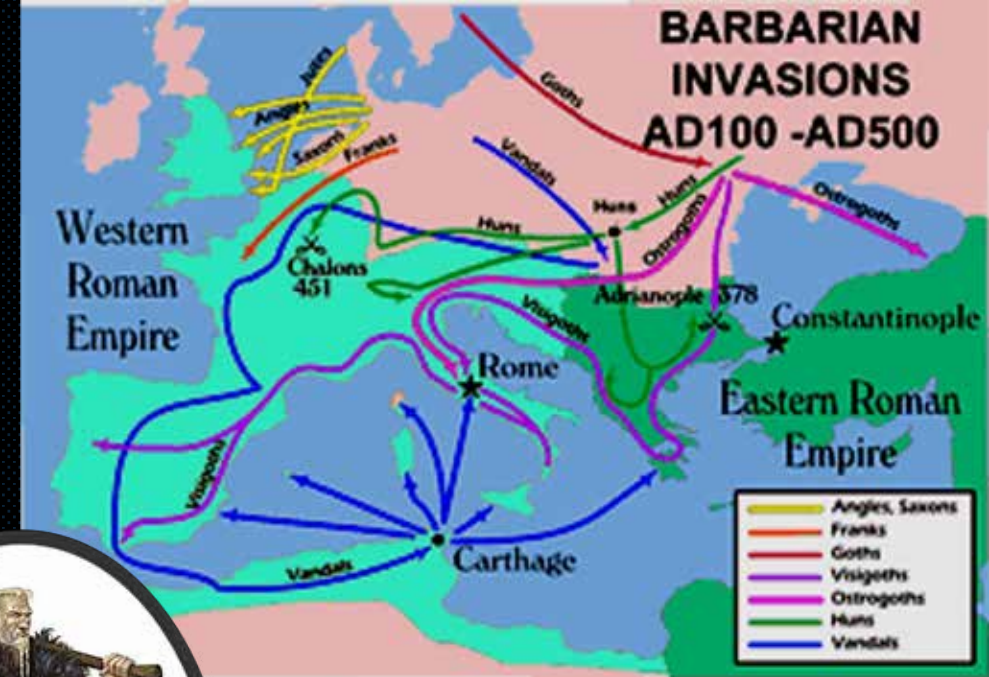
- Patriarchal family, women need to be protected sheltered.

3. Economics

- Herding animals and little agriculture.

4. Polytheists

- They believed in many gods and animistic.

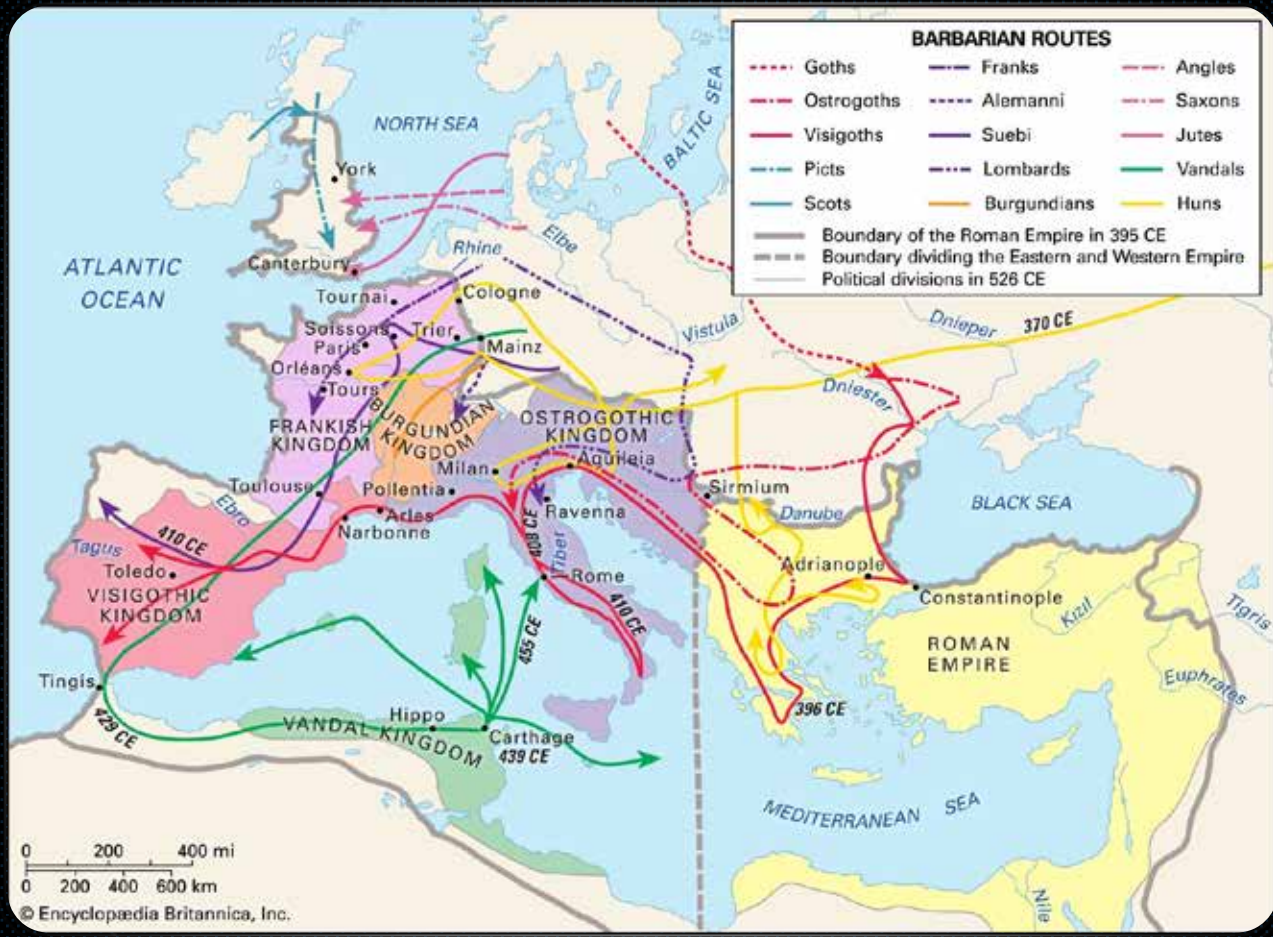


THE GERMANIC NOMADS' CULTURE

A Violent Way of Life

- ✓ The Nomads came from the steppe
- ✓ Nomads are pastoralists
- ✓ They move constantly
- ✓ They fight to secure pastures for their herds
- ✓ Rape is their definition of courtship
- ✓ Violence occurs daily





HOW DID THE GERMANIC TRIBES DESTROY AND REPLACE THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE?

DARK AGES 10F10 HISTORY CHANNEL, 9 MIN

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THE ROMAN EMPIRE BEFORE THE GERMANIC INVASION

THE ROMAN EMPIRE 27 BCE – 284 CE

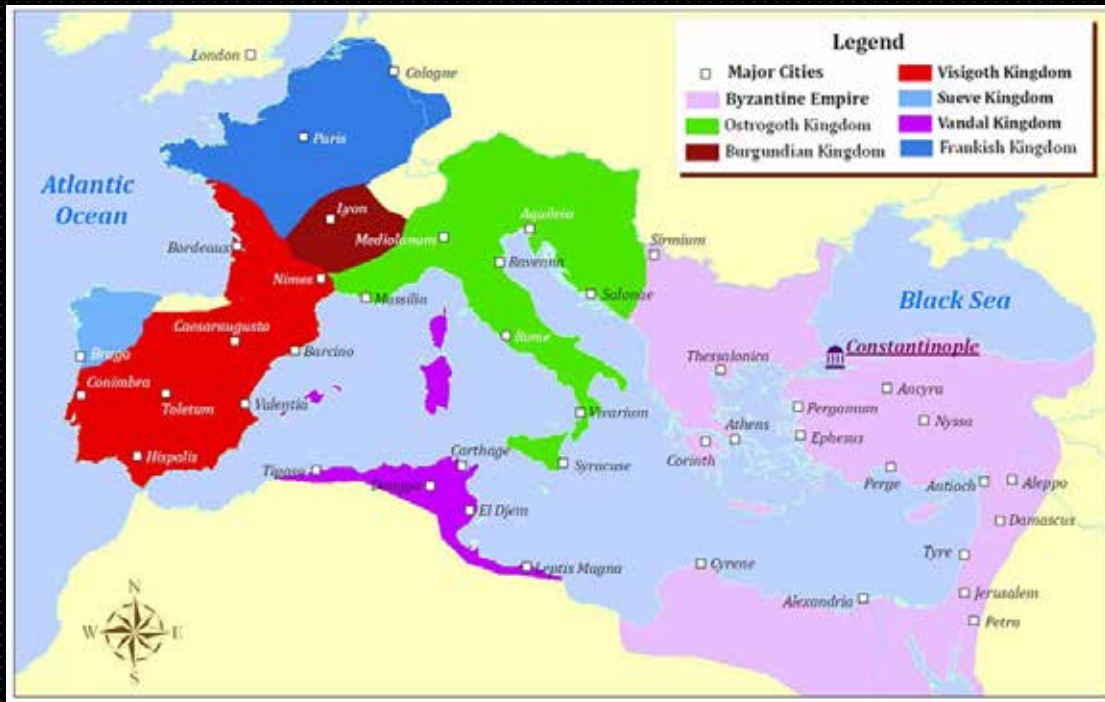


THE WESTERN AND THE EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE 284 CE. LATER WILL BE CALLED THE BYZANTINE IS IN THE EAST



NOMADS DESTROYED THE ROMAN EMPIRE

GERMANIC NOMADS TAKE THE WEST



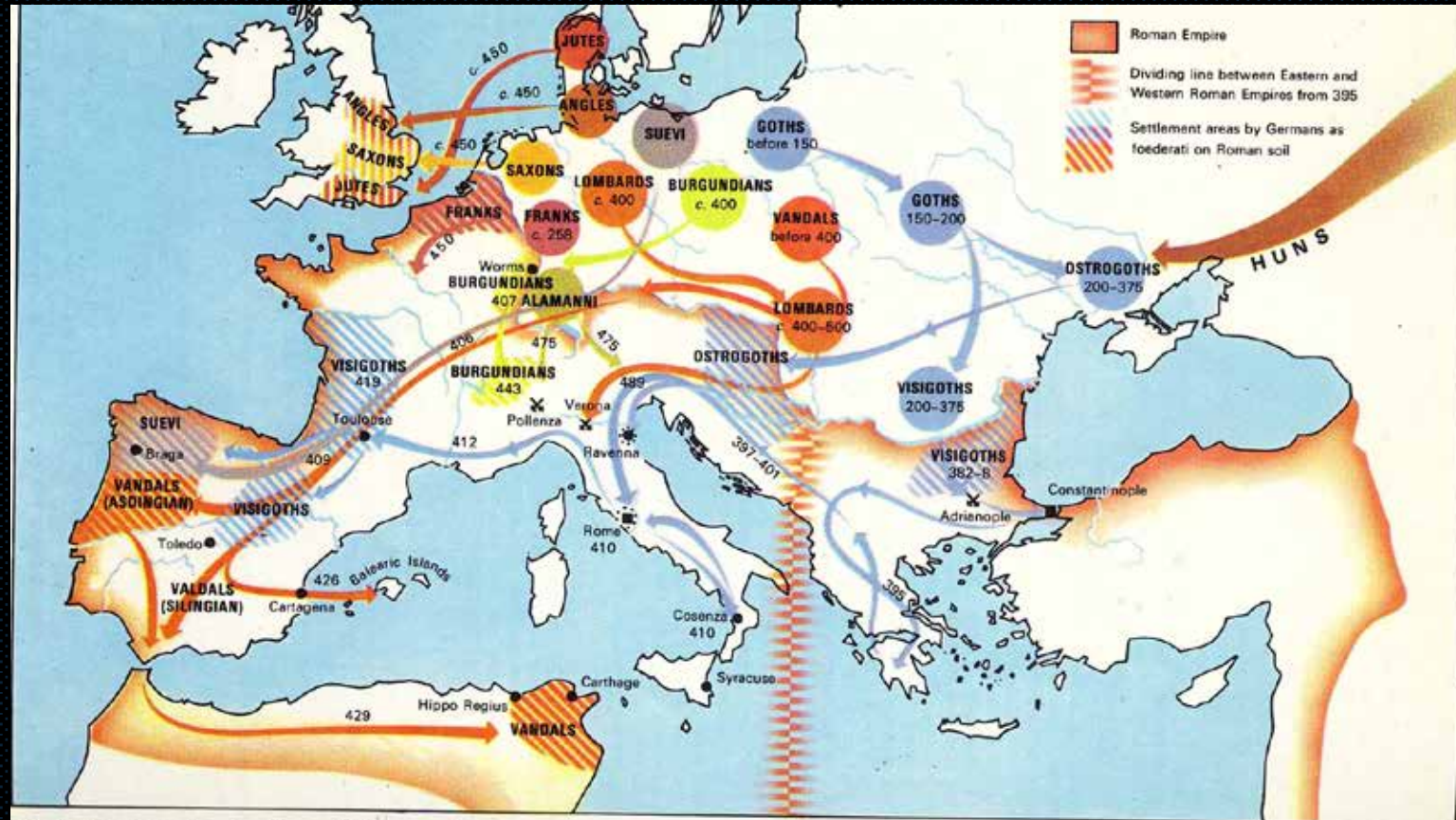
ARAB NOMADS TAKE THE BYZANTINE IS IN THE EAST



Wave #1: Nomadic Invasions 4th. & 5th. C. A.D.

Ten Invading Tribes

- ✓ Visigoths Ostrogoths
- ✓ Burgundians Franks
- ✓ Saxons Angles
- ✓ Alamanni Jutes
- ✓ Vandals Suevi

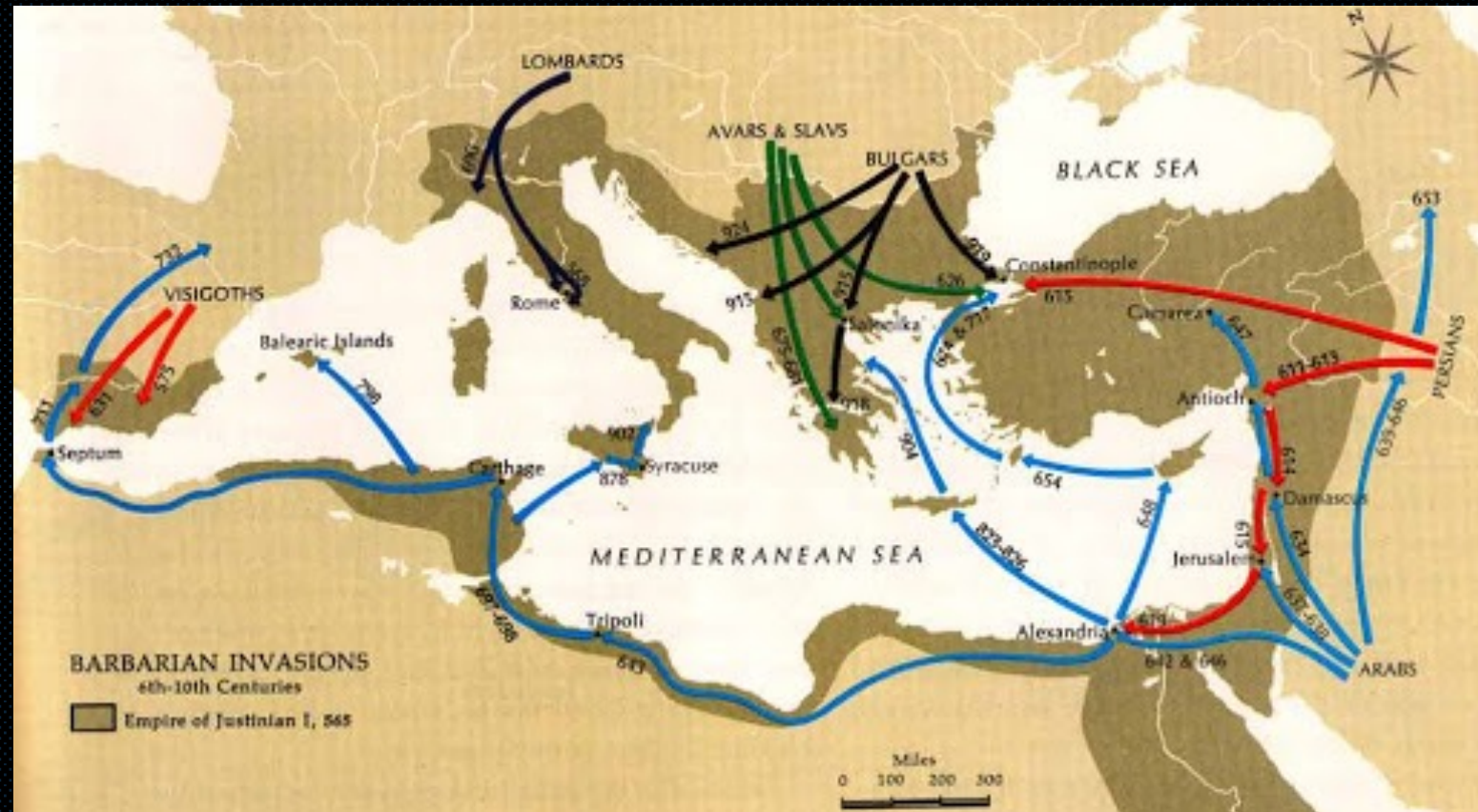


Migrations and areas of settlement of Germanic tribes, 4th and 5th cents.

Wave #2: Invading Nomads 7th. & 8th. C. A.D

Invading Nomadic Tribes

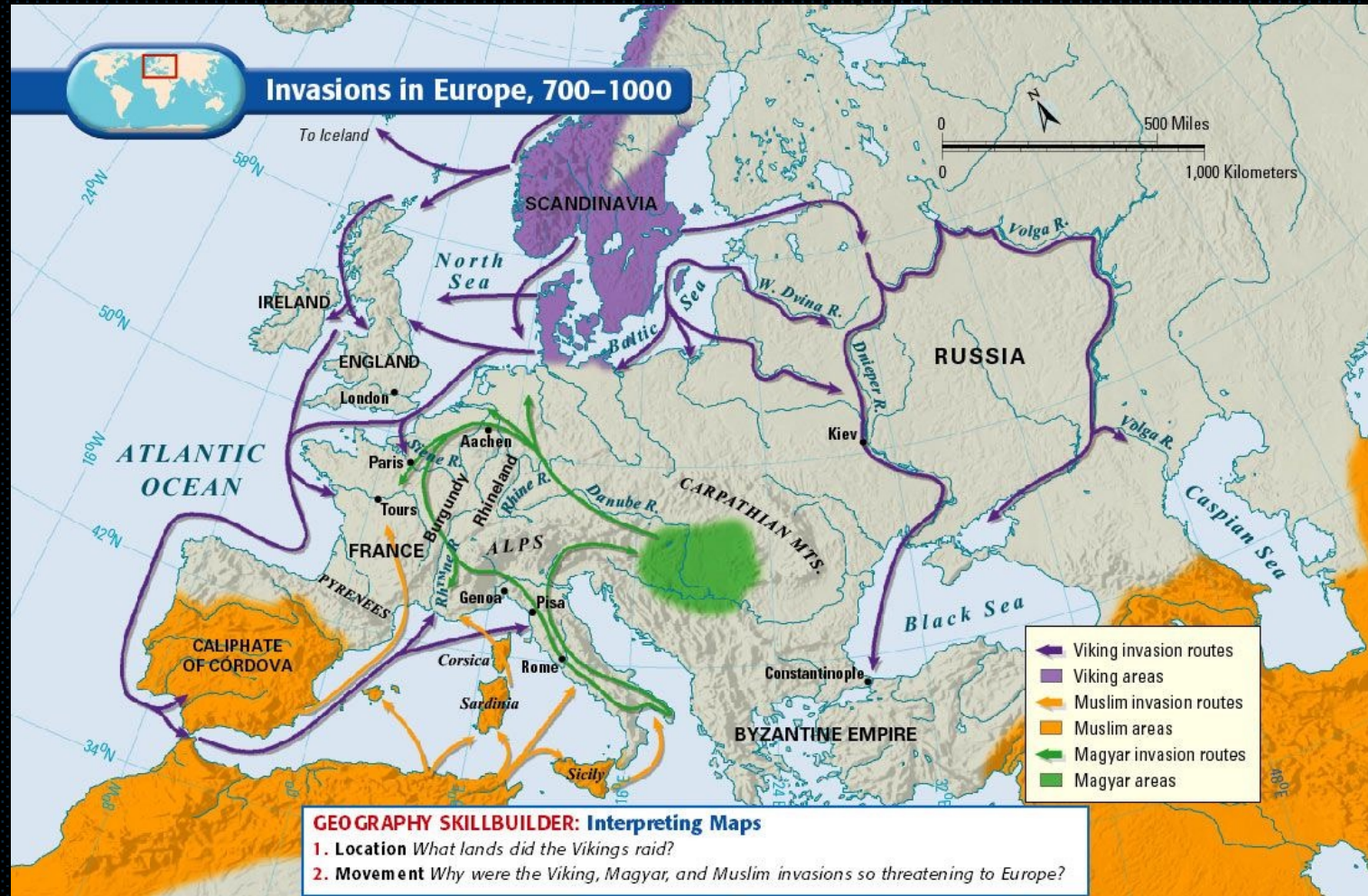
- ✓ Avars
- ✓ Bulgars
- ✓ Lombards
- ✓ Muslims



Wave #3: Invading Tribes 700 –1000 A.D.

- ✓ The Vikings
- ✓ The Magyars

End of the Invasions



THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN OLD AGE

Rome was sacked twice in the 5thC AD

- Rome was not completely destroyed, but for the first time in nearly 800 years, the “Eternal City” had been defeated.
- Germanic tribes overran what was left of the Roman Empire.
- The Ostrogoths, or “eastern Goths,” came from land we know call the Ukraine.
- The Ostrogoths conquered most of Italy, Greece, and the western Balkans.
- The Vandals took control of the Roman territory in North Africa.
- The Franks overran France, while the Saxons conquered the southern part of England.



THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE

- ✓ As a result of the '**Barbarian Invasion**,' the Roman Empire abandoned one of its long-standing frontiers and was forced to allow various barbarian groups into the political landscape of the empire.
- ✓ It is these Germanic nomads that would go on to grow into the kingdoms that would eventually replace the Western Roman Empire.



WHAT IS THE POINT OF KNOWING ABOUT THESE INVASIONS?

- ✓ THIS WAS AN ERA OF SURVIVAL; STAYING ALIVE WAS **GOAL #1**.
- ✓ NONSTOP NOMADIC INVASIONS MADE DEFENSE THE 1ST PRIORITY.
- ✓ NOMADS THAT ARRIVED FIRST, HAD TO SETTLE DOWN AND THEN FEND OFF NEWCOMERS.
- ✓ **WARFARE** WAS CONSTANT.
- ✓ ESTABLISHED NOMADIC CHIEFS [**KOENIGS**] BECAME THE FIRST **EUROPEAN KINGS**.

KOENIGS = KINGS



WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

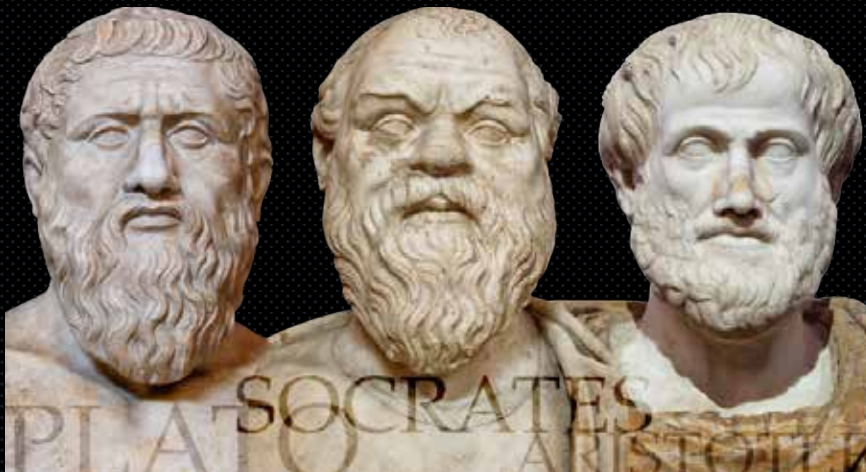
EUROPE LOSS OF HALF OF ITS HERITAGE

ANCIENT GREEK CULTURE

1. THIS MEANT THE LOSS OF THE **GREEK LANGUAGE** & MOST **GREEK PHILOSOPHY & SCIENCE**.
2. **THREE CYCLES** OF INVASION DESTROYED MOST OF **ROMAN CITIES**.
3. THE **MEDITERRANEAN CEASED** TO BE AN AVENUE OF **COMMUNICATION**.



THE GREEK ALPHABET



Socrates, Plato & Aristotle



COLLAPSE OF THE ANCIENT WEST & MEDIEVAL CONDITIONS

- **THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE CAUSED:**
 1. THE **COLLAPSE** OF A STRONG **URBAN** CULTURE IN EUROPE.
 2. A GENERAL **LOSS OF LITERACY, COMPUTATION, & CRITICAL THINKING**
 3. AN **OVERWHELMING RURAL QUALITY** OF LIFE SET IN.
 4. ALSO, **RURAL** LIFE WAS FUNDAMENTALLY **ILLITERATE**
 5. **TOWNS & CITIES** WERE **FILTHY**, THE STREETS OPEN SEWERS;
 6. THERE WAS **NO RUNNING WATER** AND KNOWLEDGE OF **HYGIENE** WAS **NON-EXISTENT**.
 7. **DUNG, GARBAGE, & ANIMAL CARCASSES** WERE THROWN INTO **RIVERS & DITCHES**, POISONING THE WATER & THE NEIGHBORING AREAS.
 8. **FLEAS, RATS & MICE** FLOURISHED IN THESE CONDITIONS.
 9. **WELCOME TO THE DARK AGES!**



HOW DID THE GERMANIC NOMADS COLLABORATE WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH?

A GERMAN-CATHOLIC MIX

- ✓ AFTER THE CONVERSION OF THE FRANKISH KING CLOVIS TO CATHOLICISM,
- ✓ A CO-MINGLING OF GERMAN AND ROMAN CULTURE BEGAN.
- ✓ THE NOMADS NEEDED ROMAN CHURCH SKILLS LITERACY TO RUN THEIR NEW REALMS.
- ✓ THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS THE ONLY SOURCE FOR LITERACY.
- ✓ THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEEDED NOMADIC PROTECTION TO SURVIVE.
- ✓ THE NOMADS PROVIDED MILITARY PROTECTION, THE CLERICS [CLERKS] RAN THE KINGDOMS.

The Rise of the Frankish Empire 5th. - 9th. C. A.D.



THE FRANKISH MEROVINGIAN DYNASTY

5TH. – 8TH. C. A.D

- ✓ **THE MEROVINGIANS / THE FRANKS** WERE ONE OF THE GERMANIC TRIBES AND THE FIRST ROYAL HOUSE OF **FRANCE**.
- ✓ FROM THEM, IN ORIGIN, THE WORD **FRANCE** DERIVES.
- ✓ THE NAME **MEROVINGIAN** IS DERIVED FROM **MEROVECH** - A LEADER OF THE TRIBE IN THE MID-5TH CENTURY OF WHOM NOTHING IS KNOWN BUT HIS NAME.
- ✓ THE FRANKS WERE FIRST UNITED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF **KING CLOVIS 466-511 AD**.
- ✓ HE FOUNDED THE **MEROVINGIAN DYNASTY** WHICH WOULD RULE THE FRANKS FOR THE NEXT **200 YEARS**.
- ✓ **CLOVIS** LED THE FRANKS IN VICTORIES OVER THE VISIGOTHS, FORCING THEM FROM GAUL AND INTO SPAIN.
- ✓ HE CONVERTED TO **CHRISTIANITY IN 496**
- ✓ **CLOVIS** DECLARED THE FRANKS CHRISTIANS
- ✓ THE FRANKS HAD NO IDEAS WHAT THAT MEANT



KING CLOVIS (466-511) AD

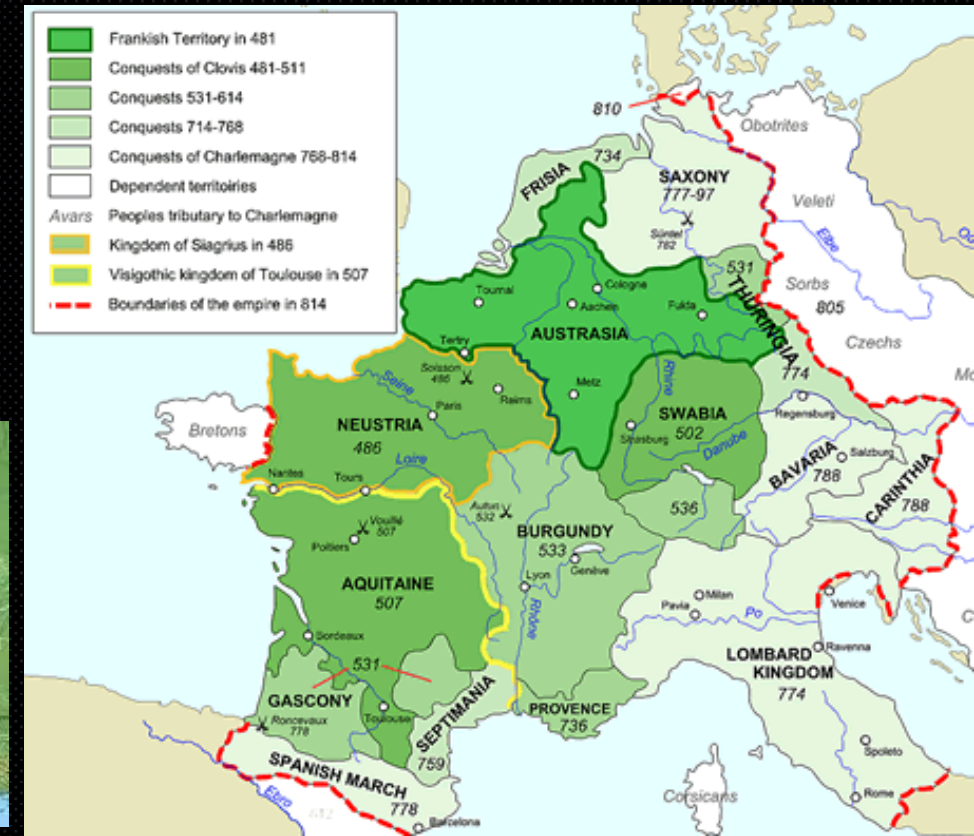


THE DO-NOTHING KINGS

- ✓ CLOVIS' HEIRS WERE KNOWN AS THE **DO-NOTHING KINGS**
- ✓ THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE SHIFTS TO **THE CAROLINGIANS**
- ✓ 1ST CAROLINGIAN: **PEPIN I (D. 639)**: MAYOR OF THE PALACE
- ✓ ESTABLISHED **CAROLINGIAN** POWER
- ✓ HIS ADMINISTERED AUSTRASIA
- ✓ HE ADDED **NEUSTRA & BURGUNDY** TO THE REALM
- ✓ HE BECAME THE ARBITERS OF ALL ESTATES



THE FIRST CAROLINGIAN





**THE CAROLINGIAN FRANKISH DYNASTY
IS IN POWER.**

Mayors of the Palace: 7th. - 8th. century

- ✓ In the Roman Empire, large households were run by an official known as **major domus** ('**mayor of the house**')
- ✓ The Frankish kings adapt this system, calling their chief administrative officer, **Major Palatii**, the mayor of the palace.
- ✓ Administrators of this kind always tend to enlarge their own fief.
- ✓ The mayors of the palace gradually add to their domestic duties:
 - A tutor to royal princes,
 - An advisor to the king on matters of policies,
 - and eventually became the commander of the royal army.



Pepin I 639 AD



Charles Martel 727-741
Mayor of the Palace

CHARLES MARTEL

- ✓ CHARLES MARTEL [THE HAMMER] (D. 741)
- ✓ CREATED A POWERFUL CAVALRY
- ✓ BESTOWED BENEFICES / FIEFS ON HIS SUBORDINATES
- ✓ CHARLES STOPPED ISLAM'S CONQUEST OF EUROPE:
- ✓ BATTLE OF POITIERS / TOURS (732) & SECURED EUROPE EXISTENCE
- ✓ MUSLIMS CONFINED TO SPAIN & SICILY



Charles Martel (688-741)



THE BATTLE OF TOURS / POITIER

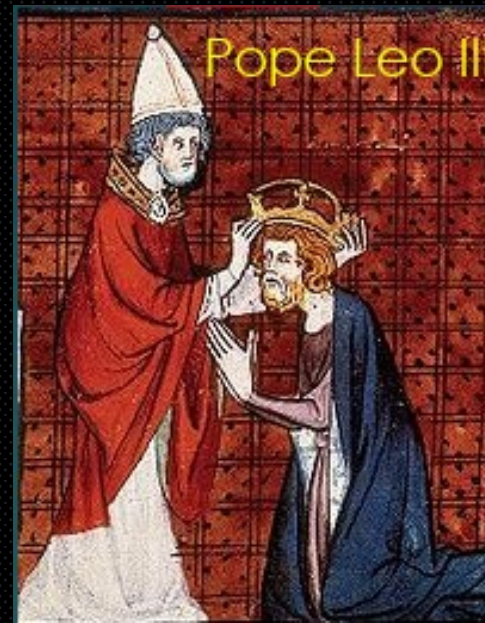
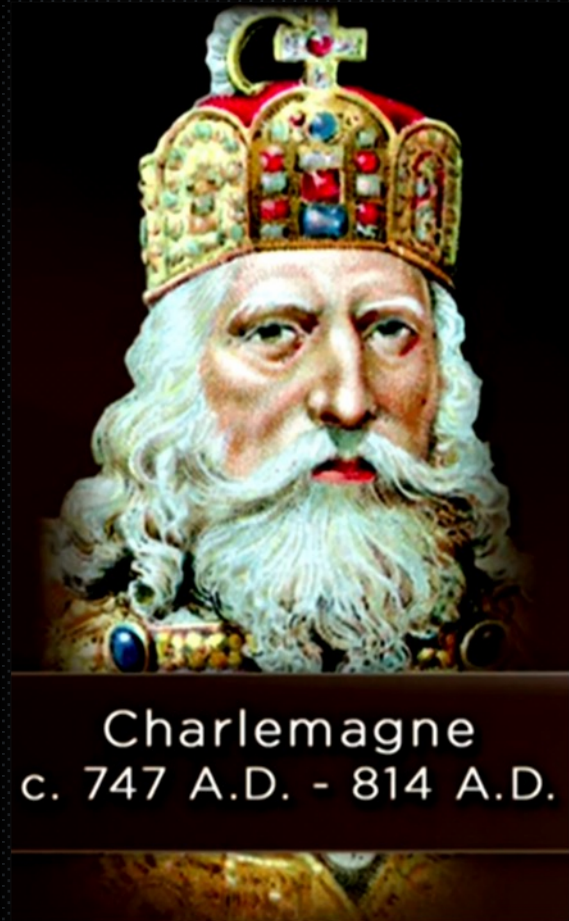
CHARLES MARTEL AND THE BATTLE OF TOUR

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CHARLEMAGNE CREATES AN EMPIRE 768-814 CE.

- ✓ CHARLEMAGNE BECAME **THE OFFICIAL PAPAL PROTECTOR**
- ✓ **NEARLY ANNIHILATED THE AVARS [2ND WAVE] ON THE DANUBE PLAIN**
- ✓ **CHASED THE ARABS [2ND WAVE] BELOW THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS**
- ✓ BECAME **HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR IN 800**; CROWNED BY **POPE LEO III**
- ✓ **PAPAL CROWNING CREATED NEW RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE OVER ALL KINGS.**



CHARLEMAGNE CROWNED AS HOLY EMPEROR

The Carolingian Renaissance

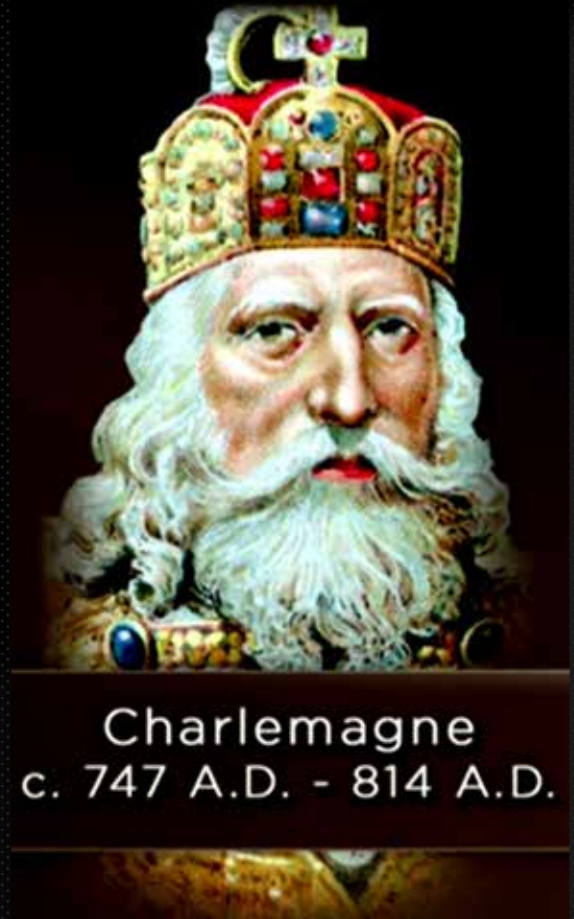
☐ THE WARRIOR-RULER CHARLEMAGNE

✓ MILITARY

✓ POLITICS

✓ RELIGION

✓ CULTURE



Charlemagne
c. 747 A.D. - 814 A.D.

CHARLEMAGNE EMPIRE 768-814 CE.

- ✓ CHARLEMAGNE WAS ILLITERATE, BUT HE BELIEVED STRONGLY IN EDUCATION AND ENABLING HIS PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE.
- ✓ HE WAS MARRIED TO **FIVE** DIFFERENT WOMEN DURING HIS LIFETIME.
- ✓ HE IS NICKNAMED THE "**FATHER OF EUROPE**" AS THE FOUNDING FATHER OF BOTH THE **FRENCH** AND THE **GERMAN** MONARCHIES.
- ✓ **BY 800** HE WAS THE RULER OF **WESTERN EUROPE** AND HAD CONTROL OF PRESENT-DAY FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, AND PARTS OF AUSTRIA AND SPAIN.
- ✓ CHARLEMAGNE APPOINTED **250 COUNTS** [COUNTIES] TO RUN HIS REALM.

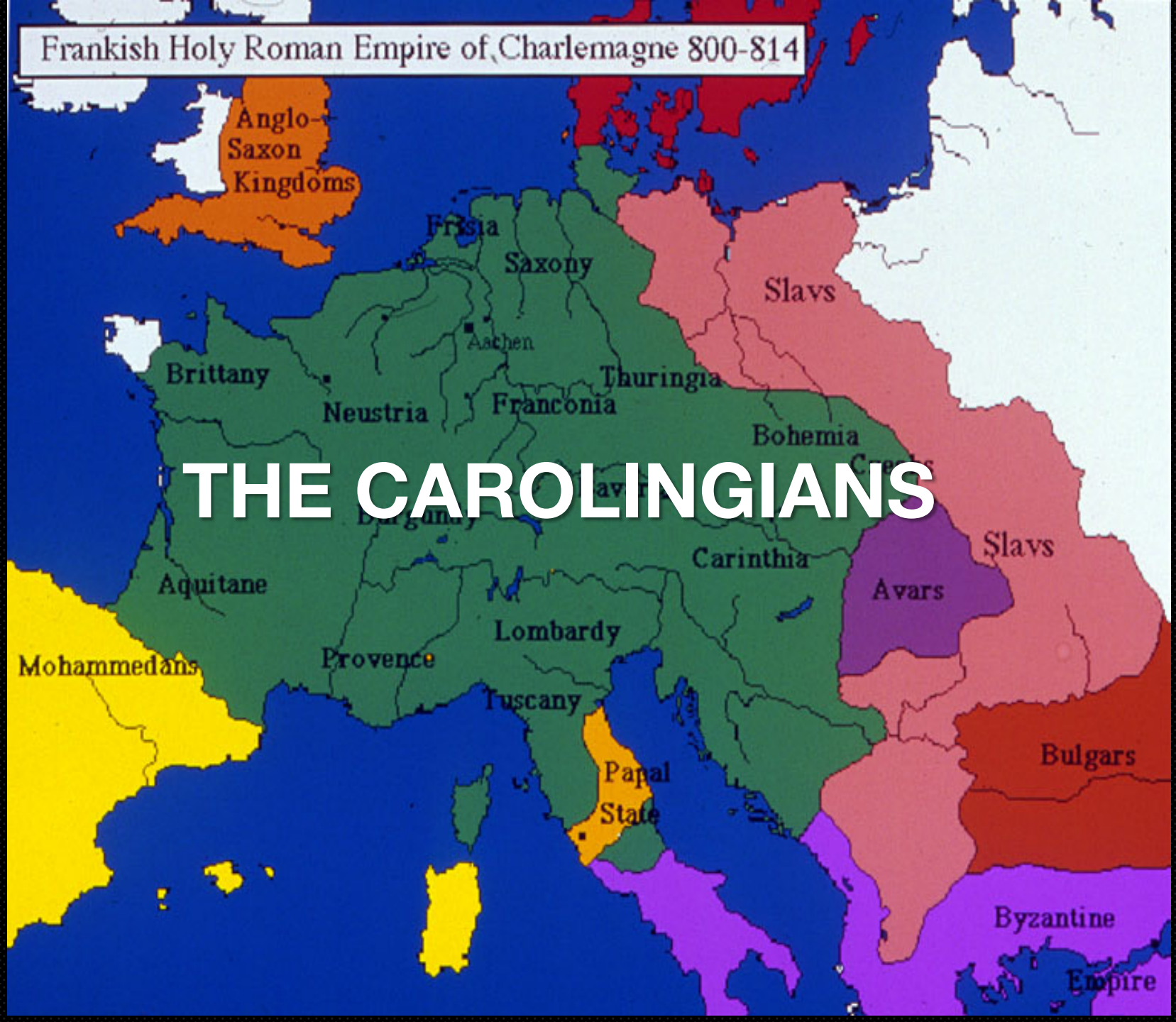


CHARLEMAGNE CROWN EMPEROR



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Frankish Holy Roman Empire of Charlemagne 800-814



THE CAROLINGIANS

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- Vikings from 17 – 25
- How life was then 25 - 30
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**LIVING
DURING THE
DARK AGES**



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Good luck!

