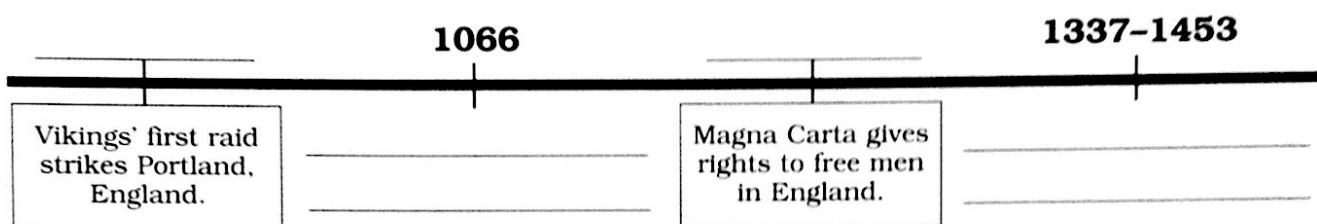


# Early Kingdoms of Medieval Europe

## ► Time and Change

1. Turn to pages 56–57 in the Atlas. Use the timeline at the top of the page to find four dates that were significant for England. Write each event or the year it occurred on the timeline below.



## ► Gathering the Facts

2. Read the introduction. Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
- a. The Middle Ages was a time of great learning and culture for Europeans. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Middle Ages is also called the medieval era. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Barbarian kings, wanting to be more civilized, became Roman Catholics. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Many barbarian tribes established kingdoms in Eastern Europe. \_\_\_\_\_

## ► History Through Maps

3. Use map A, "Barbarian Kingdoms," to answer the following questions.

- a. Which tribe established the first barbarian kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Who brought Christianity to Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When did Roman Catholicism spread throughout the barbarian kingdoms?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Which barbarian tribe established a kingdom in Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. In which directions did the Slavs migrate?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Which tribe did the Byzantines defeat? \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Who conquered the Ostrogoths? \_\_\_\_\_

**► People and Cultures**

4. Look at chart B, "Barbarians in Our Language." Then draw a line from each word listed below to its Barbarian origin.

**Word**

- a. slave •
- b. vandalism •
- c. frank •
- d. barbarian •

**Origin**

- An imitation of how barbarians talked
- Vandals, a tribe that looted Rome
- Slavs, a tribe that lost many people to slavery
- Franks, who thought violence was more direct than laws or diplomacy

**► People and Their Environment**

5. Use map C, "Charlemagne's Frankish Empire," to answer the following questions.

- a. Who became the sole ruler of the Frankish Empire? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Which four regions did Charlemagne conquer between 771 and 814?  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Which regions did Charlemagne conquer but not rule?  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Where was Charlemagne crowned Emperor of the West? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. How long did the Frankish Empire last? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. When did the Empire break up? \_\_\_\_\_

**★ Thinking About History**

6. Look at picture D and read its caption. Then read the history question, "Who is the Pope?" Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. What is the pope the leader of? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Why was the pope's crowning of Charlemagne significant?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# UNIT 5 Europe in the Middle Ages

418 to 1580

711-1492  
Moors rule Spain.

400

600

800

418  
Visigoths start a kingdom in Spain.

432  
St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland.

789  
Vikings' first raid strikes Portland, England.

800  
Charlemagne is crowned "Emperor of the West."

## Early Kingdoms of Medieval Europe

During the **Middle Ages** or **medieval era**, many Europeans were poor, uneducated, and violent.

- Early in the Middle Ages, barbarian tribes settled in Western Europe and established their own kingdoms.
- Barbarian kings, wanting to be as civilized as the Romans, became Roman Catholic.
- One Frankish king, Charlemagne, conquered much of Western Europe.

### Barbarians in Our Language

**barbarian**—a brutal or uncultured person

From bar bar, an imitation of how barbarians talked.

**frank**—straightforward

From the Franks, who thought violence was more direct than laws or diplomacy.

**slave**—person held as property of another

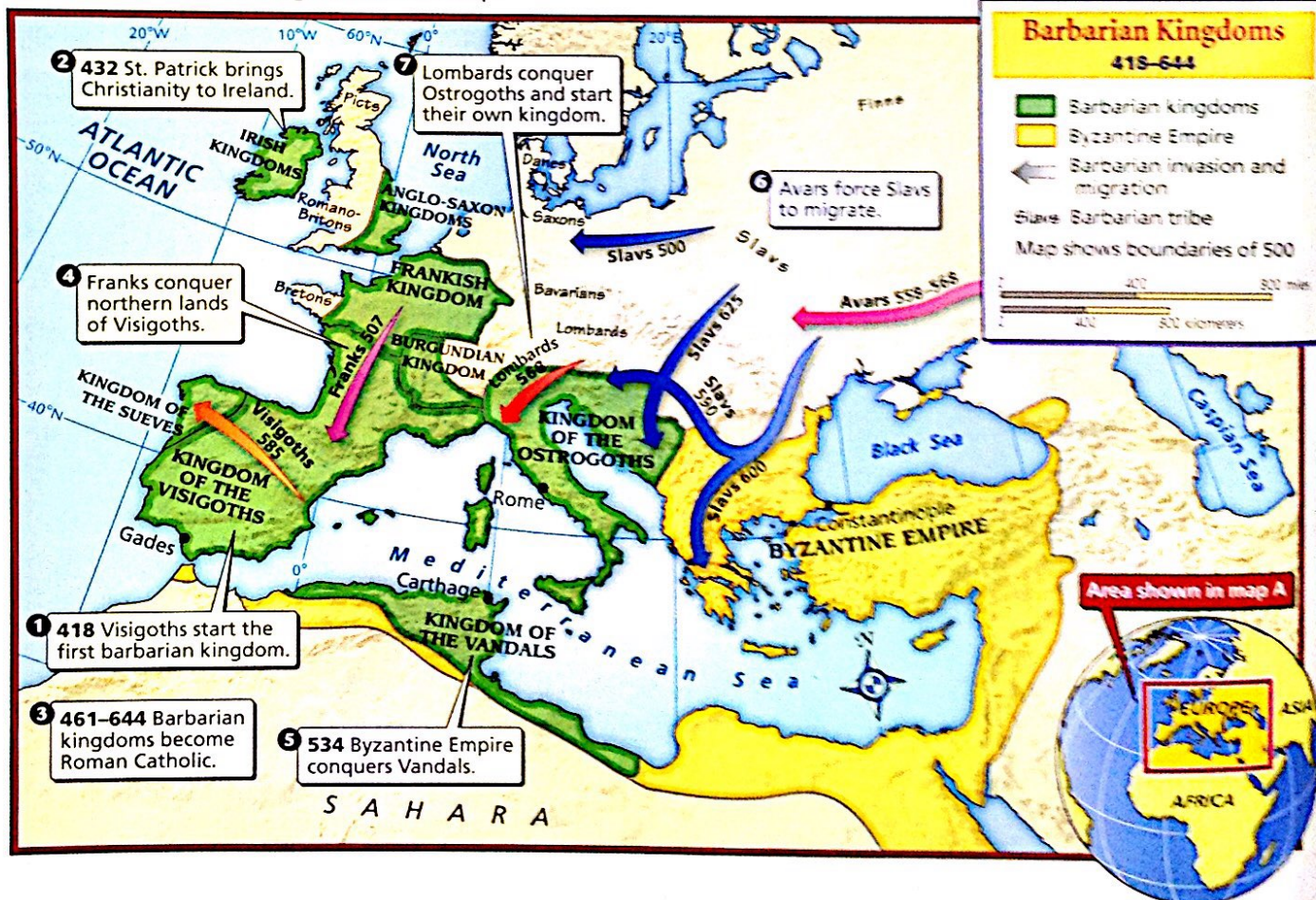
From the Slavs, a tribe that lost many people to slavery in the Roman Empire.

**vandalism**—deliberate destruction of property

From the Vandals, the tribe that looted Rome in 455.

**B** The table above shows some modern-day words, definitions, and histories.

**A** Compare the barbarian invasions on page 41 with the kingdoms on this map.





1066  
Normans take control of England.

1095  
First Crusade is called by Pope Urban II.

1347  
Plague-infected rats arrive in Sicily.

1498  
Vasco da Gama reaches the Indies.

1519-1522  
Magellan's crew circles the earth.

1000

1200

1400

1600

936  
Otto I creates what will be the Holy Roman Empire.

1215  
Magna Carta gives rights to free men in England.

1337-1453  
Hundred Years' War fought between England and France.

## Charlemagne's Frankish Empire 711-814

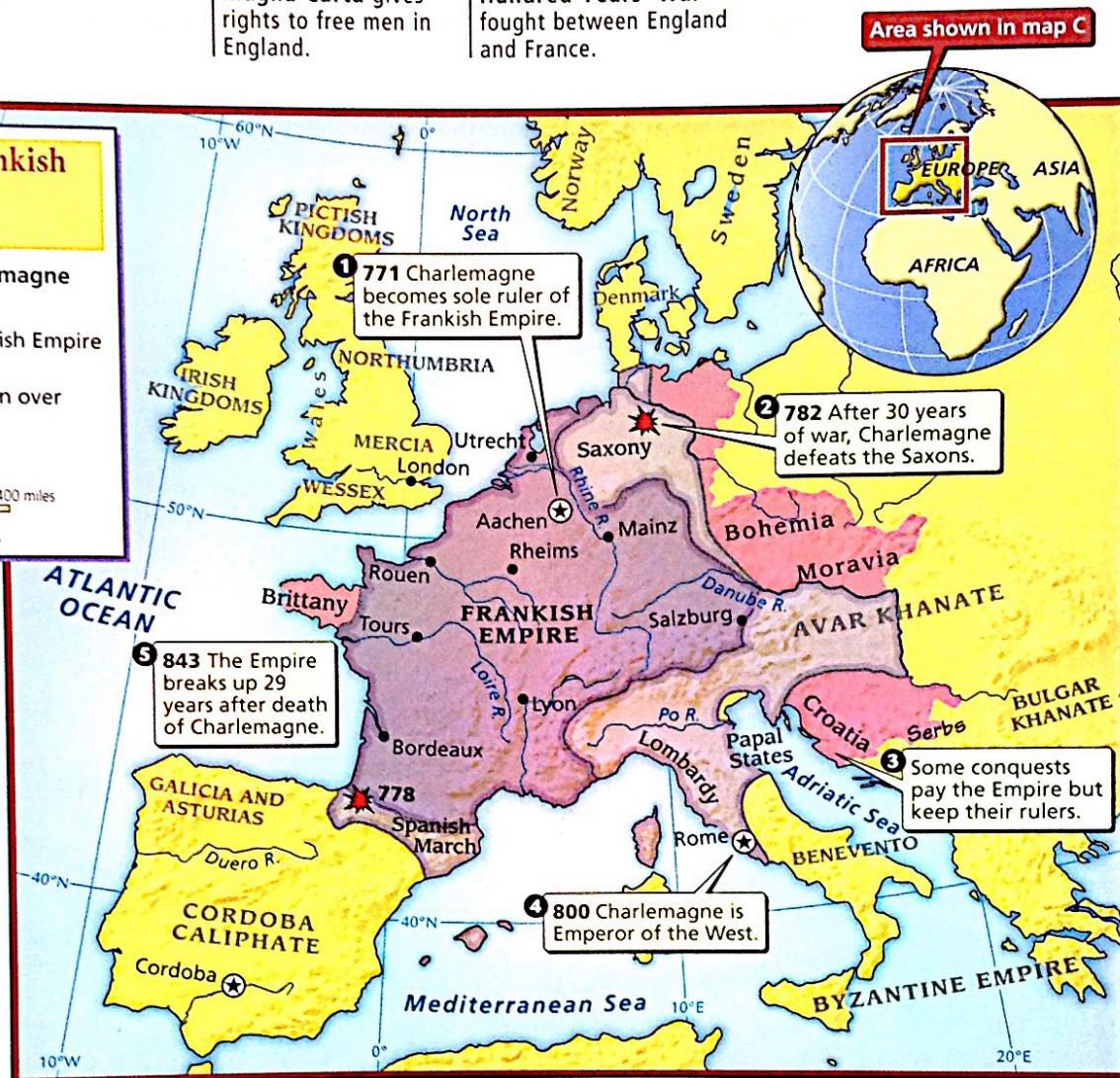
### Expansion Under Charlemagne

- Frankish Empire, 771
- Additions to the Frankish Empire by 814
- Defeated but not taken over
- Battle
- Capital

0 200 400 miles  
0 200 400 kilometers

**C**

Charlemagne's empire extended beyond what is now France into lands that are now Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and the Netherlands. His empire spread Christianity into new areas.



**D**

The pope (center) crowned Charlemagne "Emperor of the West." Western Europeans hoped Charlemagne's rule would end centuries of chaos.

### Who is the pope?

The pope is the Roman Catholic bishop of Rome and is the leader of the entire church. In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church was very powerful in Western Europe. Today the pope leads over a billion Catholics worldwide.