

# **WORLD 2-1**

## **DARK AGES; FALL FROM ROME'S GLORY**

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Questions/Interactions	Notes
	<p><b>Europe's Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only 1/3 of the land is good for farming.</li><li>• South - warm, rainy - excellent farming.</li><li>• Center - heavily forested - lots of natural resources.</li><li>• North - very cold, mainly use the ocean for food and resources.</li></ul> <p><b>Lost Empire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When Rome fell, many libraries were burned and knowledge was lost.</li><li>• The Roman army could no longer protect the people.</li><li>• Barbarian and Roman culture combined into something new.</li></ul> <p><b>Survival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People lived in small villages, mostly as farmers (agriculture!)</li><li>• They were trying to survive. So things like art, law, medicine, and reading weren't important.</li><li>• This made the loss of knowledge even worse.</li></ul> <p><b>Charlemagne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Became king of France in 771.</li><li>• United Europe by forcing people to become Christians.</li><li>• Focused heavily on education.</li><li>• Was later crowned Holy Roman Emperor.</li></ul> <p><b>Christianity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due to Charlemagne's purge and more holy methods like showing the love of Christ...</li><li>• Christianity spread through barbarian kingdoms.</li><li>• The Church was the only stable connection to Roman times.</li><li>• Leaders used the Church as the backbone to rebuild the European Empire.</li></ul> <p><b>Vikings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Between 700 and 800 Vikings invaders further weakened European unity.</li><li>• Trade and learning slowed down.</li><li>• The people once again focused purely on survival.</li></ul>