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## The Dark Ages Documentary

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the movie. The questions are listed in the order they appear in the film. You do not need to use complete sentences.

1. What empire fell in August of 410 AD? Who defeated this empire and sacked the city?
2. Why did Alaric attack the city of Rome in 408? (What motivated him?)? How long did it take Alaric and his army to conquer the city?
3. What diseases entered the European population pool in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries CE? How did this affect Rome?
4. What did the Goths/Visigoths originally come to the Roman Empire as? How did the Romans themselves drive the Goths into rebellion?
5. What began when Rome collapsed in the 5<sup>th</sup> century? How long would this age last?
6. What happened to the quality of life after Rome collapsed? What did settlers during this era do to the buildings and structures that the Romans had built?
7. What new form of unity was emerging in Europe as the old political empire of Rome fragmented? Who was the “new emperor” of Europe?
8. Who became a Christian on Christmas Day, 496 CE? How do the French see this moment?
9. What was the only common thread for citizens of Europe during the Dark Ages? How many Christians were there by the fifth century?
10. What political reasons did Clovis have to convert to Christianity? Which of Christianity's rules did Clovis have the hardest time following?
11. What did Clovis do with the men in the lands he conquered? What did he do to his extended family?
12. What was the Dark Age practice of “the ordeal”? What determined whether someone was guilty or innocent?
13. In what city did the Roman Empire still endure during the 6<sup>th</sup> century? How did the Eastern Romans see the Western Europeans?

14. What did the Byzantine Emperor Justinian resolve to do in 527 CE?
15. What happened to Justinian in 532 CE? Who stopped Justinian from leaving the city during this time?
16. What Cathedral did Justinian build in 538 during his Italian campaign?
17. What “invisible killer” arrived in the Byzantine Empire in 542 CE? What percentage of the population did this kill? How many millions died?
18. What did the Byzantine armies in Western Europe do after Justinian died? Who divided the European continent once they left?
19. What was the work pattern for many during the Dark Ages?
20. What percentage of children died before adolescence? How many children lost at least one parent before adulthood?
21. What did the English monk Bede write in Jarrow, England in 730? How many books did he collect during his lifetime?
22. Why did the monks that invited St. Benedict to their monastery try to poison him twice? What did Benedict establish after this?
23. What was the Rule of St. Benedict? By 600, what was the dominant cultural force in Europe?
24. What new religion spread throughout the Middle East and Africa and threatened Europe by 732 CE? What Christian nation fought this faith in Tours, France in 730?
25. How many men did the Moors invade France with in 730? What Frankish general waited for this army?
26. How long did the Frankish and Moorish armies wait for each other to make the first move? How did Charles get the Moorish troops to retreat?
27. What title did the Christian church give to Charles after his victory of Tours? What did Charles' grandson Charlemagne become on Christmas in 800 CE?

28. How many military campaigns did Charlemagne wage over his 46-year career as king? When he conquered people, what choice concerning Christianity did he give pagan subjects?

29. What did Charlemagne divide his empire into? How did Charlemagne supervise these 350 units?

30. How did Charlemagne rekindle learning in Europe? How did he personally participate in this learning revival?

31. What happened in Lindisfarne, England on June 8, 793? What “age” had begun on this day?

32. How did the Viking ships help their raids to be so unexpected?

33. What was the favorite target for Viking raiders? What British kingdom did the Vikings attack in 866?

34. What city did the Viking Ivar and the “Great Heathen Army” take in this invasion? How did Alfred the Great defend his kingdom from Ivar's army?

35. How long did it take Alfred to defeat the Great Heathen Army? What did many Vikings who moved to Western Europe eventually do?

36. Who did European knights start to attack once Europe was no longer threatened by external enemies? What did the purpose of castles become during this time?

37. What two edicts did the Church issue in the 10<sup>th</sup> century to curb knightly violence?

38. What lands did the Church tell the knights they could invade in 1095? What did the Church call these military campaigns?

39. How did the Crusades improve Europe?

40. Why did European agriculture improve around the year 1,000? What happened to European towns and villages at this time?

41. By the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, how were things looking for Europe?

