**CHAPTER 7**

**Section 1: The Early Middle Ages**

**Focus Question: How did Germanic tribes divide Western Europe into small kingdoms?**

**Content Expectations:**

* **F3.b** – Explain religion’s role in the interactions of different cultures.
* **4.1.1** – Explain the responses to change that led to collapse of classical empires.
* **4.1.2.a** – Analyze the spread of Islam and Christianity.

**Objectives:**

* Describe Western Europe after the collapse of the western Roman empire.
* Describe how Germanic tribes carved Europe into small kingdoms.
* Explain how Charlemagne briefly reunited much of Western Europe and what happened to his empire after his death.

**Section 2: Feudalism and the Manor Economy**

**Focus Question: How did feudalism and the manor economy emerge and shape medieval life?**

**Content Expectations:**

* **4.3.5 –** Explain the workings of feudalism and manorialism in Europe.

**Objectives:**

* Explain how feudalism shaped medieval society.
* Describe the life of knights and nobles.
* Analyze how the economic system of the manor worked and how it affected peasants and nobles.

**Section 3: The Medieval Church**

**Focus Question: How did the Church play a vital role in medieval life?**

**Content Expectations:**

* **4.1.2.a –** Analyze the spread of Islam and Christianity.
* **4.3.5.a –** Explain the impact of the Roman Catholic Church in medieval Europe.

**Objectives:**

* Explain how the Church shaped medieval life.
* Understand monastic life and the influence of medieval monks and nuns.
* Analyze how the power of the Church grew during the Middle Ages and how reformers worked for change in the Church.
* Describe the situation of Jews in medieval Europe.

**Section 4: Economic Recovery Sparks Change**

**Focus Question: How did changes in agriculture and trade lead to the growth of towns and commerce?**

**Content Expectations:**

* **4.1.3.a –** Analyze land-based trade routes across Sahara, Eurasia, and Europe.
* **4.1.3.b –** Analyze development of water-based trade routes across the Mediterranean Sea
* **4.3.5.b –** Explain how agriculture and trade led to growth of towns and cities.

**Objectives:**

* Summarize how new technologies sparked an agricultural revolution.
* Explain how the revival of trade revolutionized commerce and led to the growth of towns.
* Analyze the rise of the middle class and the role of guilds.
* Describe life in medieval towns and cities.