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*The Dark Ages* History Channel Documentary

1. In what year did the Western Roman Empire fall?
2. Who are the “thugs” who invaded Rome?
3. What slaves rebelled against their Roman masters?
4. What were the Visigoths primarily looking for when they pillaged Rome?
5. What were external threats to the Roman Empire (apart from invaders)?
6. Did technology increase or decrease during the Middle Ages?
7. Why do people stereotype this period of time as the “dark ages”?
8. Who was seen as “the new emperor” in many ways?
9. How did King Clovis unite the people of France?
10. What was the “common thread” linking Europe together?
11. Who legalized Christianity?
12. When going through the boiling water ordeal, what proves innocence?
13. Why were ordeals seen as just during this time?
14. What percentage of the population of Europe was killed by the Bubonic Plague?
15. How did the plague arrive in Europe?
16. Who was blamed for the disease?
17. People worked according to what patterns?
18. What is the percentage of child mortality?
19. What group of people was literate during this time?
20. Why did the people try and kill Saint Benedict?
21. What people did the Christians find threatening?
22. Who was Charles Martel? What was his significance?
23. Who was Charlemagne? What territories did he rule over?
24. How many children did he have?
25. What was the most daunting challenge of Charlemagne’s reign of power?
26. Where was the Viking’s favorite target?
27. What threatened Europe after the Vikings?
28. How were the Crusades a type of “vengeance for Jesus”?
29. What did Europe gain from the Crusades?
30. What were some of the events in the Dark Ages that “tried men’s souls”?