

# Europe: 840 AD



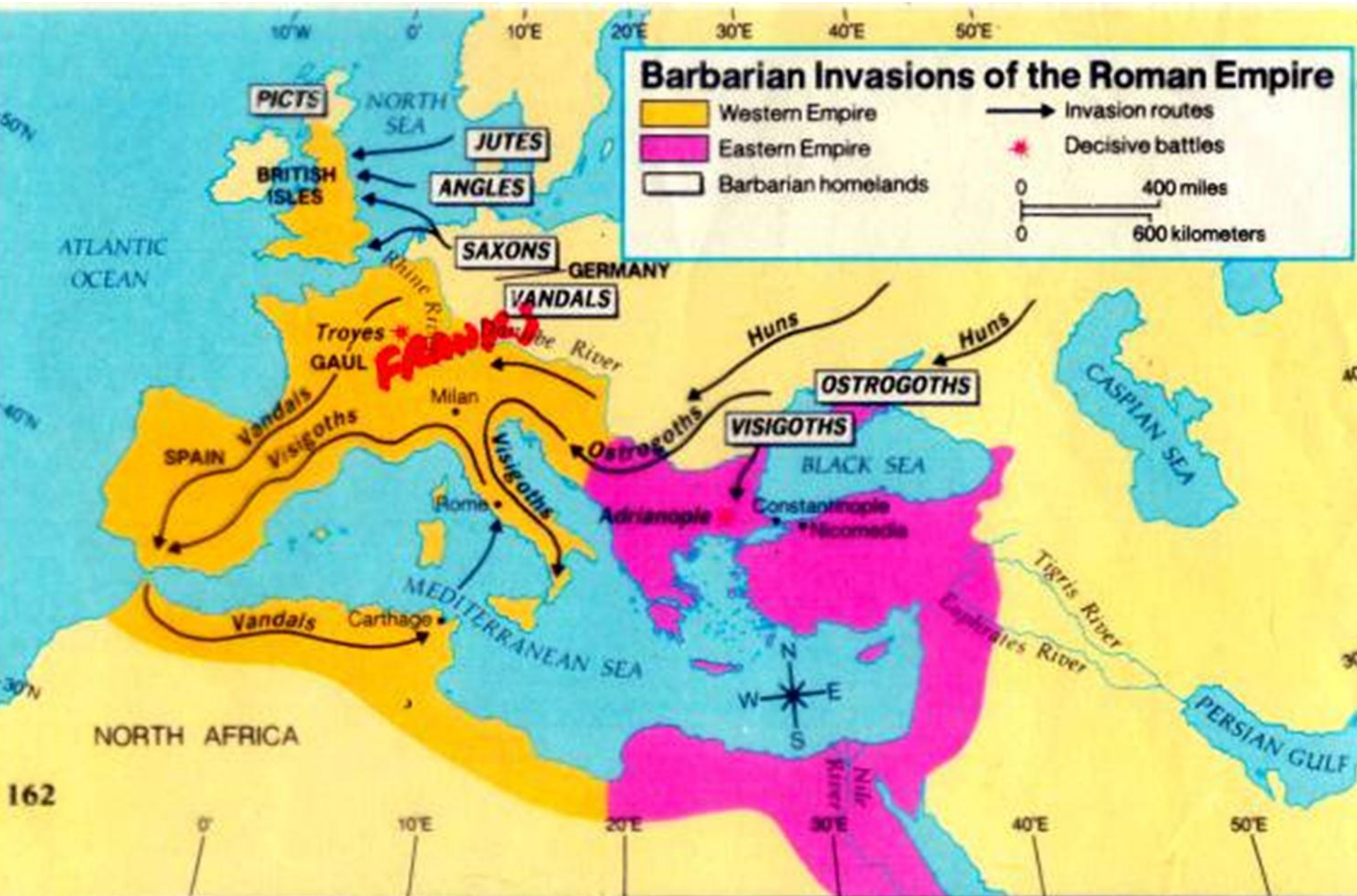
# Barbarian Invasions of the Roman Empire

**Legend:**

- Western Empire (Yellow)
- Eastern Empire (Pink)
- Barbarian homelands (White)
- Invasion routes (Black arrow)
- Decisive battles (Red star)

**Scale:**

- 0 to 400 miles
- 0 to 600 kilometers



# Origin of the Vikings

Iceland

North Sea

Scotland

Ireland

England

Britain

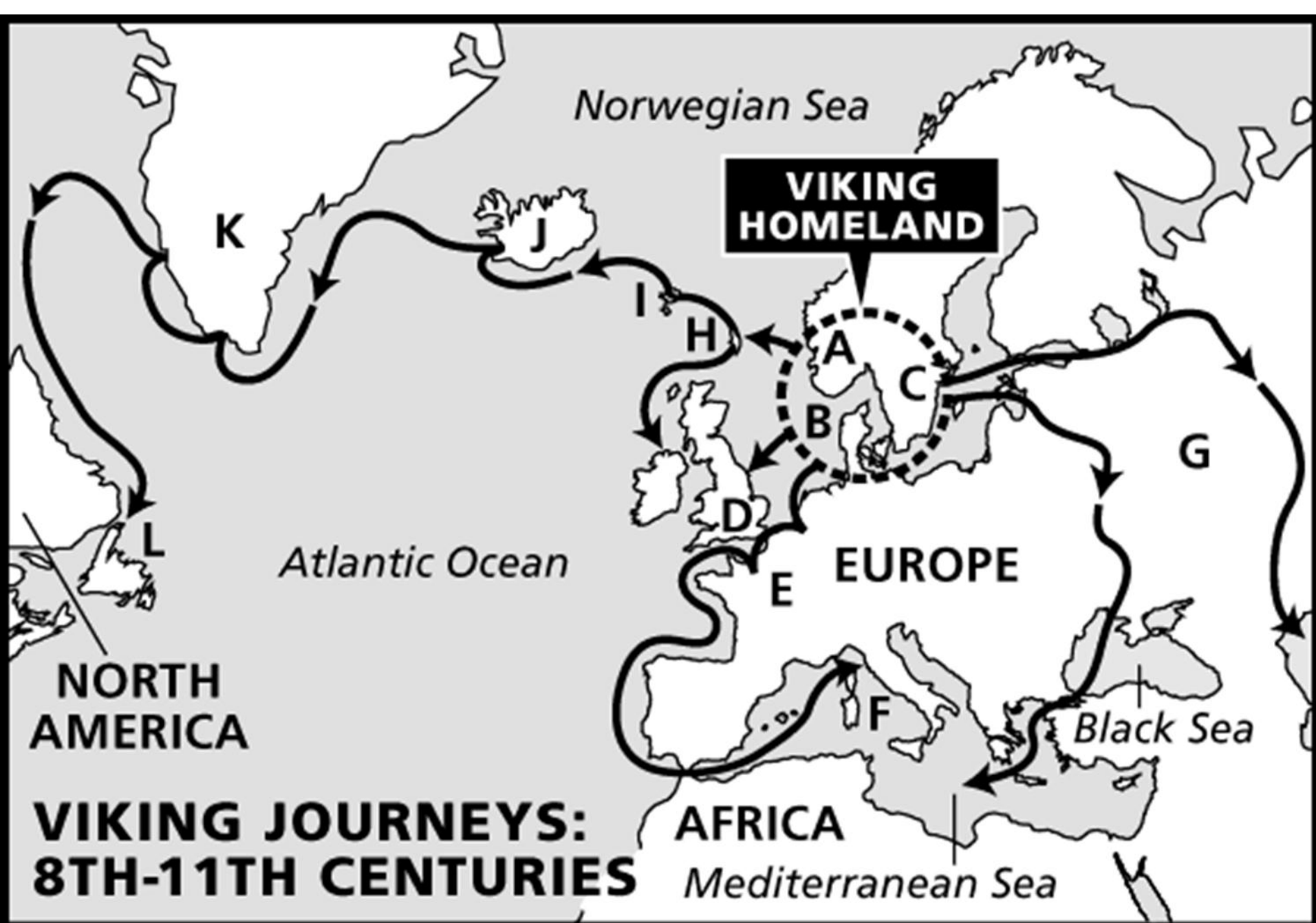
Norway

Sweden

Denmark

Germany





# **“The Dark Ages” 400-800 C.E.**

- 1. People on their own for survival**
- 2. Communication broke down**
- 3. Little education**
- 4. Trade declined**
- 5. Money no longer used**
- 6. Law and order vanished**

# Characteristics of the Middle Ages

- **500 – 1500**
- **Strongest leaders and fighters became kings, lords, and knights**
- **villagers helped build castles and provide food in exchange**
- **Feudalism developed**



## Feudalism

A political, economic, and social system based on loyalty and military service.

