

WEEK 7: HISTORY



Read Chapter 19: “The Starry Night Begins”

Answer these questions on notebook paper.

1. When did the “Dark Ages” occur?
2. What was most important to many of the first Christian monks?
3. How was the monk named Benedict different from these monks?
4. How did the monks help preserve ancient history?
5. Monasteries became the first schools in Europe. What were students taught in these schools?
6. How did monks influence or help the Christian kings of the Franks?
7. Why did savage warriors give land to the monks?

Read Chapter 21: “A Conqueror Who Knows How to Rule”

Answer these questions on notebook paper.

1. According to the book, it was easier to conquer people in Dark Ages, but harder to rule them. What kinds of things would a good ruler do?
2. Who was Pepin and what did he do?
3. Charlemagne was Pepin’s son. What was his main goal for his kingdom?
4. List three good things Charlemagne did for the people in his kingdom.
5. What title did the pope give to Charlemagne?
6. What happened to Charlemagne’s kingdom after he died?



WRITING

Charlemagne was a great leader. What would you do if you were the leader of a country? Think about things that are important to you. Several suggestions are in the box below. Pick three of them to write about. Write one paragraph using the “hamburger” model we used in class.

1. Write your topic sentence first. It should look something like this: “If I were a leader, I would work on _____, _____, and _____.”
2. Write a sentence about your first subtopic next. Follow it with specific information you would do to work on that issue.
3. Write about your second and third subtopics in the same way as you did Step 2.
4. Wrap up your paragraph with conclusion sentence. It should be similar to your topic sentence.

Subtopic Suggestions:

children	crime	education	elderly
energy	healthcare	hunger	jobs
pollution	poverty	taxes	foreign trade

