5 Europe in the Middle Ages

418 to 1580

Moors rule Spain.

800 600 400 789 800 418 St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland. Vikings' first raid strikes Charlemagne is Visigoths start a Portland, England. crowned "Emperor kingdom in Spain. of the West.'

Early Kingdoms of Medieval Europe

During the Middle Ages or medieval era, many Europeans were poor, uneducated, and violent.

- Early in the Middle Ages, barbarian tribes settled in Western Europe and established their own kingdoms.
- Barbarian kings, wanting to be as civilized as the Romans, became Roman Catholic.
- One Frankish king, Charlemagne, conquered much of Western Europe.

Barbarians in Our Language

barbarian—a brutal or uncultured person From bar bar, an imitation of how barbarians talked.

frank-straightforward

From the Franks, who thought violence was more direct than laws or diplomacy.

slave—person held as property of another

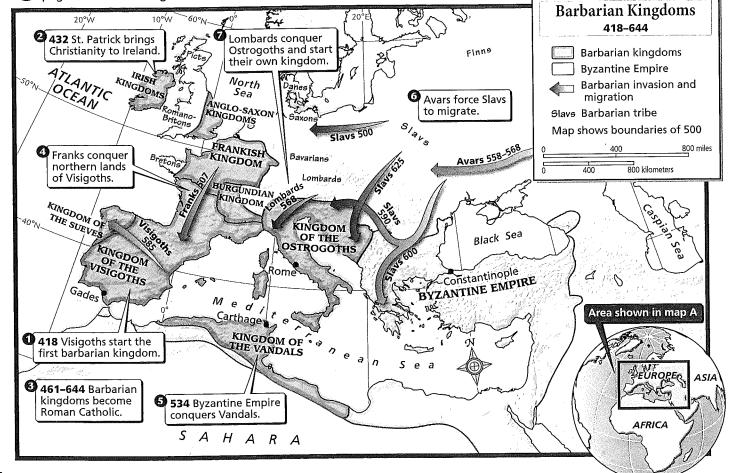
From the **Slavs**, a tribe that lost many people to slavery in the Roman Empire.

vandalism—deliberate destruction of property

From the Vandals, the tribe that looted Rome in 455.

The table above shows some modern-day words, definitions, and histories.

Compare the barbarian invasions on page 41 with the kingdoms on this map.



Normans take

control of England.

by Pope Urban II.

First Crusade is called

Plague-infected rats arrive in Sicily.

1498 Vasco da Gama reaches the Indies.

1519-1522 Magellan's crew circles the earth.

1000 1200 1400 1600 1215 1337-1453 Otto I creates what will be Magna Carta gives Hundred Years' War the Holy Roman Empire. rights to free men in fought between England Area shown in map C England. and France. Charlemagne's Frankish Empire PICTISH KINGDOMS North Sea 771-814 771 Charlemagne becomes sole ruler of the Frankish Empire. **Expansion Under Charlemagne** AFRICA Frankish Empire, 771 Additions to the Frankish Empire NORTHUMBRIA by 814 TRISH Defeated but not taken over **2 782** After 30 years **≱** Battle MERCIA Utrecht ^l of war, Charlemagne ★ Capital London Saxony defeats the Saxons. Aachen 🕏 🗎 Bohemia 200 400 kilometers Rheims ATLANTIC (0) Brittany OCEAN AVAR KHANATE FRANKISH Salzburg Charlemagne's **6** 843 The Empire empire extended breaks up 29 beyond what is years after death Some conquests the Empire h now France into of Charlemagne. lands that are now Bordeaux Germany, Italy, GALICIA AND ASTURIAS Switzerland, pay the Empire but keep their rulers. Belgium and the Rome BENEVENTO Netherlands. His Duero R. empire spread Christianity into CORDOBA CALIPHATE **800** Charlemagne is Emperor of the West. new areas. Cordoba BYZANTINE EMPIRES Mediterranean Sea



The pope (center) crowned Charlemagne "Emperor of the West." Western Europeans hoped Charlemagne's rule would end centuries of chaos.

Who is the pope?

The pope is the Roman Catholic bishop of Rome and is the leader of the entire church. In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church was very powerful in Western Europe. Today the pope leads over a billion Catholics worldwide.