Chapter 13, Lesson 1 Timeline

Charlemagne Unites the Germanic Kingdoms

751-987 CE - The Carolingian Dynasty rules the Franks, building a large empire.

496 CE - Clovis, the leader of the Franks (Germanic), converted to Christianity and spread it throughout the Frankish Kingdom.

590 CE - Gregory I became pope (head of church) and increased the authority of the papacy. The papacy became a secular, political power.

606 CE - The church and Frankish rulers converted many Germanic peoples to Christianity.

800 CE - Charlemagne is crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III

732 CE - Charles the Hammer defeated Muslim raiders from Spain at the Battle of Tours and prevented the spread of Islam to W. Europe.

600-700s CE - Monks and nuns made beautiful copies of religious writings and books, opened schools, maintained libraries.

500 CE - The Middle Ages begin. Germanic invaders overran the western half of the Roman Empire. This causes the disruption of trade, downfall of cities, and population shifts from trade centers to rural areas.