

I. Middle Ages/Medieval Period

A. End of the Classical Era

1. Roman power
2. Fall of Rome
3. Rise of the Barbarians

*Do you think the Barbarians were morally right to attack Rome? Why or why not?*

*Imagine life as a Barbarian. What would your life be like?*

B. Life in the Middle Ages

1. Things get "small"/loss of quality
2. Catholic Church = stabilizing influence
3. Warlords
4. to Feudalism

*What things in the modern world would we lose if we, like the Middle Ages, had our world get "small?"*

*If your family were transported back to the Middle Ages, what would your family be? Include their social class, occupation, and housing.*

C. Late events/inventions – will bring about the end of the Middle Ages

1. Vikings – world becomes larger than the village again
2. Crusades – brings back forgotten knowledge
3. Plague – ends serfdom in Western Europe

*Compare/contrast the early Medieval world with that near the end of the Middle Ages.*