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BrainPOP – The Middle Ages

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Towns	invaders	Renaissance	
Medieval Era	shipping	loyalty	
Peasants	Roman Catholic Church	Crusades	

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ANSWER KEY

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