

## Early Modern Europe: The Context

### Periodization

- Ancient
  - ↳ Late antiquity
- Medieval/Middle Ages
- Early Modern \*
- Modern
  - ↳ contemporary \*

### Dates?

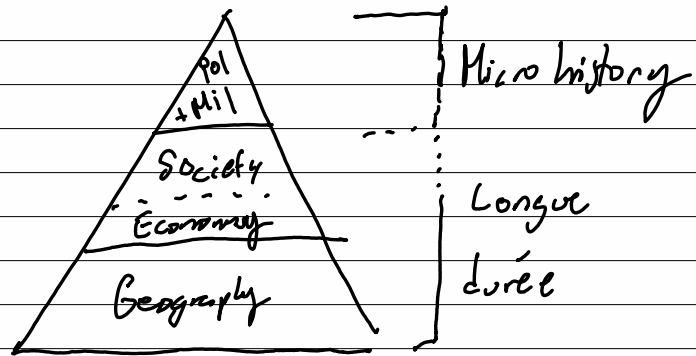
- 1453 - Fall of Constantinople
- 1454 - Peace of Lodi
- 1455 - First printed book w/ moveable type
- ~1485 - First Tudor
- 1492 - Columbus, Reconquista, Inquisition
- 1494 - Treaty of Tordesillas, Italian wars

Beginning ~1450 but we need context  
Context is NECESSARY for studying history

### The Longue Durée

Fernand Braudel - Annales school

- ↳ studying long run underlying structures
- ↳ Conjonctures - medium term
- ↳ L'histoire événementielle - factual history



Individuals vs. Structures? - historiographical debate  
↳ Relationship?

The Roman Empire  
↳ emulated in the Renaissance

Collapse of Rome  
↳ Creates Medieval European world  
↳ Seeking a "rebirth" / "reborn"  
↳ At peak - entire Mediterranean

~ 300 - split into Western + Eastern  
410 - Sack of Rome  
476 - Abdication of last emperor

Europe splits: in the West, stays "Roman" in East  
↳ Latin → Greek  
↳ Church vs. Secular kingdoms

## "The Dark Ages"?

- ↳ Yes + No
- ↳ Western Europe goes from urban → rural
- ↳ Beginning of important institutions

## Rise of Islam - 622

- ↳ Take over much of the Southern Mediterranean + Spain
- ↳ 718 - take over Spain, 732 - Battle of Tours
- ↳ Al - Andalus
  - ↳ Caliphate of Córdoba - culturally fruitful

## Heirs of the Roman Empire

### The Byzantine World

- ↳ Direct continuation
- ↳ Learning, engineering,
- ↳ Christian empire - not as open as classical Athens

### The Islamic World

- ↳ Run much of the previous territory as Rome
- ↳ Extremely culturally fruitful
  - Supply much of Europe's knowledge

### Western Christendom

- ↳ Split secular rulers
- ↳ Conflict w/ Popes
- ↳ Feudalism - most powerful
  - Territory split up on parents' death
- ≈ 800 - dynastic accident → Charlemagne
  - ↳ Carolingian dynasty, Arguable Renaissance?
  - ↳ Crowned Roman Emperor by Pope
  - ↳ Rome remains cultural center of Western Europe

- ↳ Carolingians and Ottonians
  - Shift focus from France → Germany
  - Holy Roman Emperors

## The Time of Troubles, 700-1000

- ↳ Constant invaders
  - Vikings, Muslims, Magyar/Hungarians

Invasion → Consolidation

- ↳ Proto-Kingdoms - England, France, Spain, HRE

## Two Europe, ~1000

- Northern + Mediterranean
  - ↳ land
  - ↳ sea
- Contrasting regions w/ interconnections

## Northern Developments

- ↳ Connected communities for protection
- ↳ Villages, manors, towns - agricultural
- ↳ Feudalism + Serfdom \*
- ↳ Norms, rights, privileges
- ↳ Responsibility of a ruler?

## Mediterranean Society

- ↳ Cosmopolitan trade centers

## Two Latin Europe

Northern - rural, feudal, centralizing cities, military power

Mediterranean - sea, urban city-republics, economic power

## Expanding after 1000

England - under Anglo-Saxon kings  
"Germany" - HRE  
France - early Capetian kings

Henry II inherits much of France + conquers Ireland

HRE ruled by Frederick I Barbarossa

Capetians gradually take over France by 1200

## Papal Monarchy

↳ Spiritual + political power

"Donation of Constantine" - gave West to the Church

↳ Investiture Controversy from the 11th century

- Popes vs. Emperors

↳ The Two Swords - later 12th century

- Secular sword vs. spiritual sword

- Ghibellines vs. Guelphs - local fighting

↳ Monastic orders grow - literacy eg. Cistercians

↳ Friars - Dominicans + Franciscans

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learning

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poverty

## Europe in 1200

↳ Local dukes become local sovereigns, HRE, significant emperor

↳ Christianity + Islam

- Crusades - frontier push, not imperial invasion

↳ Crusader states - small blips

↳ Sack of Constantinople - April 1204

## Reconquista + Convivencia

- ↳ Both wrong + right
- ↳ Centers of learning after Spaniards over
  - Arabic → Latin
- ↳ Classical learning gets back
  - Byzantium
  - Islamic world
  - Crusader states
  - Spain
- ↳ Development of Universities
  - Madrasas → Cathedrales → Universities
- ↳ St. Thomas Aquinas
  - Translates Aristotle, gets Christianized

## Rise of Vernacular Languages

- ↳ Latin - lingua franca
- ↳ Romance languages + Germanic languages

## Italian wealthy merchant cities

## Interconnected markets in Europe

- Flanders & cloth trade
- The Hanseatic League / The Hanse

## The Mongols

- ↳ Incredible conquest
- ↳ Rebirth of Silk Road → Venetian traders
- ↳ Pax Mongolica

## The Ottoman Turks - 1453

Immediate years Prior

## Crisis of the 14th Century

↳ Famine

↳ Black Death

↳ Population wiped out → DISASTER

↳ Medieval civ crumbles

## 4 Horrors of the Apocalypse

Social unrest

↳ Peasant revolts, etc.

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