

Emergence of Nation-States

- I. England
 - a. William the Conqueror (1) wins *Battle of Hastings*, 1066; (2) unites England
 - b. Henry II establishes *Common Law*
 - c. King John signs *Magna Carta*
 - d. Henry VII unifies after War of Roses
 - e. Evolution of Parliament (legislature)
- II. France
 - a. Hugh Capet establishes French throne in Paris
 - b. Philip II & Philip IV establish strong central government
 - c. Charles VII establishes military & taxes
 - d. Joan of Arc becomes unifying factor
- III. Spain
 - a. Ferdinand & Isabella unite country
 - b. *Reconquista*
 - i. **Inquisition** used to expel Jews & Muslims
- IV. Germany
 - a. German Princes remain stronger than king – fails to unify as early as other nations
- V. Russia
 - a. Ivan the Great (1) throws off “Mongol Yoke”; (2) Centralizes power in Moscow
 - b. Power centralized in hands of Tsar (Czar)
 - c. Eastern Orthodox Church influences unification.

Hundred Years War

- France v. England
- Peasants with longbows replace knights
- **Joan of Arc** turns war in France's favor
- Both countries experience a new sense of *Nationalism*

New Invasions

- Mongols
 - Russia – Khanate of the Golden Horde
- Ottoman Turks
 - End Byzantine Empire (1453)
 - Create Ottoman Empire

Late Medieval Period



Black Death

- *Bubonic Plague*
- Spread along Trade Routes
- **Impact**
 - Decline of Population
 - Scarcity of Labor
 - Towns freed from feudal obligation
 - Decline of Church influence
 - Disruption of Trade

Church Scholars

- Clergy very often the only literate members of society
- Translated Greek & Arabic works into Latin
- Made new knowledge available in W. Europe
- Laid foundation for the rise of Universities



Gothic Cathedral

Crusades

- **Key Events**
 - Pope Urban calls for 1st Crusade
 - Jerusalem is captured in 1st
 - Crusader States established
 - Jerusalem is lost to Saladin
 - Constantinople sacked by Western Crusaders
- **Effects**
 - Weakened Pope & Nobles
 - Strengthened Kings
 - Stimulated Trade
 - Left legacy of bitterness between monotheistic faiths
 - Weakened Byzantine Empire