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14th Century Calamity Questions

Directions: After Reading the packet on 14th Century Calamities, complete the following

questions. Make sure your answers are detailed and throughout.

1.) What were the two great natural disasters that struck Europe in the 14th Century?

2.) Explain what the Little Ice Age was and what the effects of it were.

3.) What caused the high mortality rate and speed of contagion of the Black Plague?

4.) Why did Europeans say and believe, “This is the end of the World” when the plague hit

Europe? Use detailed and specific evidence to support your answer.

5.) Who was the Hundred Years War fought between? What was the basis/foundation of

the war?

6.) Explain why in the midst of all of the upheavals occuring in Europe, the Church was

scarcely in a position to offer comfort.

7.) What was the Great Western Schism? Why was this viewed as a fundamental challenge

to the whole medieval world view?

8.) Why did the end of the Yuan Dynasty in China result in contact with China being severed?

9.) The Ottomans conquered and took control of Constantinople in 1453 and left it open as a

free port and point of contact with Eruope. But when it outlasted its usefulness, what

did the Ottomans do?

10.) Explain the roots of the hatred between the Muslims living in Bosnia, the Catholics in

Croatia and Eastern Orthodox Christians living in Serbia