

Part 1: What was happening outside of Europe during the Middle Ages? What factors led to Europe rising out of the Middle Ages?

Muhammad, Rise of Islam, Arab Golden Age

1. How was Cordoba different from the rest of Western Europe?
2. What happened to Abbas Ibn Firnas?
3. In what ways were the Arabs experiencing a Golden Age? (Name at least two)
4. How did the Arabs 1.) Help Europe out of the Middle Ages and 2.) Contribute to our world today?

The Crusades

5. Before the Crusades, how well did Christians and Muslims get along in Jerusalem?
6. The Pope declared that all those who die in battle would have their sins forgiven. What did this mean for the knights?
7. How did Tancred de Hauteville stop the massacre and demonstrate that the residents were under his protection?
8. Henry Louis Gates, the historian, said, "It shows the extraordinary power of ideas to take hold of people's minds and drive them to commit acts of great sacrifice and love on the one hand, but also acts of tremendous barbarity and hatred on the other. It's the double edge sword of religious belief." In your opinion, why does the same belief system drive one person to brutality and another to love?

Genghis Khan, the Mongols, Empire in Asia

9. What advantages did horses give to the Mongols? (Name at least two)

10. How did climate change force the Mongols south?
11. How were the horse-riding Mongols able to break through the walls of the city?
12. The Mongols created the largest empire in earth's history. To do so, they had to be good communicators. Describe their communication system.

The Plague

13. Bubonic plague is named after buboes. What is a bubo?
14. How did the rats, and therefore the plague, spread between areas?
15. Explain how networks of exchange that we studied before can have both pros and cons.
16. How did Jani Beg help spread the plague into the city of Caffa?
17. Biological weapons have been outlawed in 165 countries. Why do you think this is the case?
18. What treatments did doctors attempt?
19. The Pope couldn't stop the plague. Who did the people begin to blame and what did they do to the ones they blamed?
20. The plague killed over 50 million people in 15 years – but all in the Old World. Why were the Americas safe from the plague? What predictions do you have about the spread of European germs into the Americas?

Part 2: Poster

Directions: You will work independently or with a group of 2-3 to create a poster. Follow the requirements below.

1. Divide your page into 4 quadrants →

a.	b.
c.	d.

2. Label each quadrant:

a. **Muhammad, Rise of Islam, Arab Golden Age**

b. **The Crusades**

c. **Genghis Khan, the Mongols, Empire in Asia**

d. **The Plague**

3. For each topic, in each quadrant, complete the following:

- ✓ A short overview of the topic—who, what, when, where, why, how
- ✓ How this affected the people of Europe → in what ways did this help Europe rise out of the Middle Ages?
- ✓ At least one visual that you create
- ✓ A cause and effect diagram demonstrating multiple causes and effects relating to topic

~~4. Decide which factor had the most significant effect on Europe and on Europe's rise out of the Middle Ages (Arab Golden Age, Crusades, Mongols, Plague).~~

~~5. ON THE BACK of your poster, work together to write a Claim-Data-Warrant paragraph arguing why the factor you chose is the most significant.~~

~~6. Be ready to share out!~~