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## Medieval Times

Dark Ages, Middle Ages and the Renaissance in Europe



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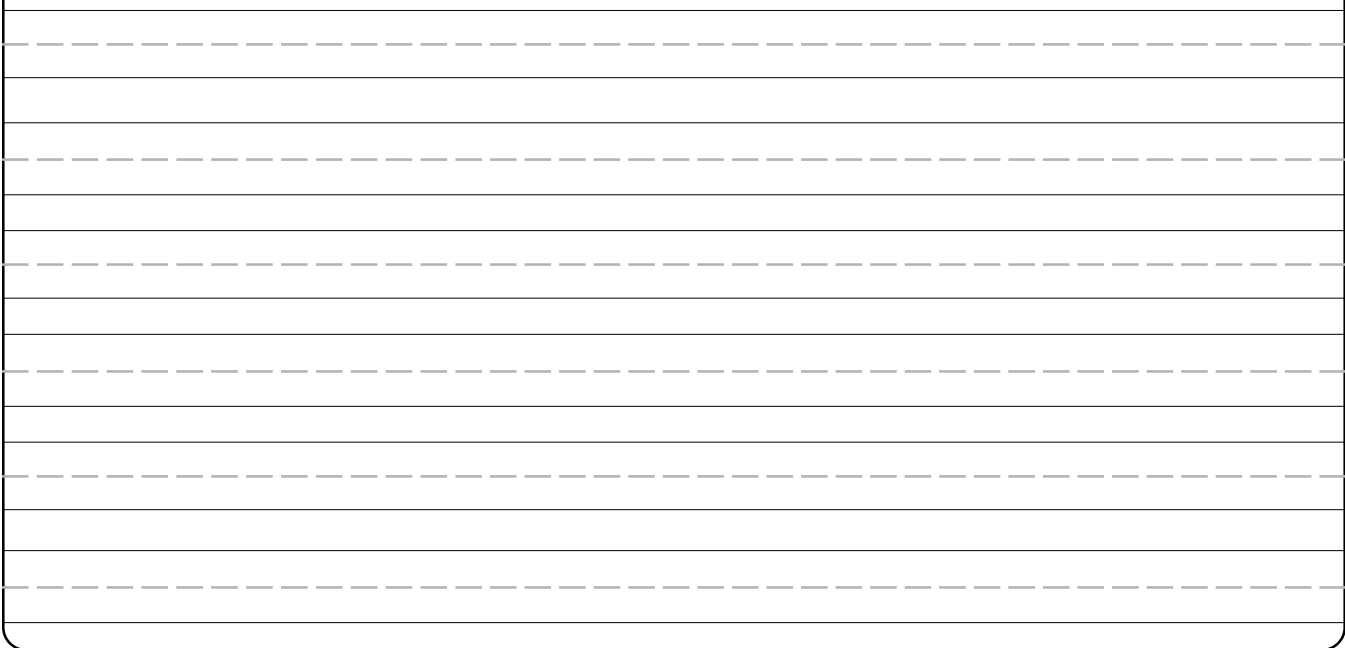
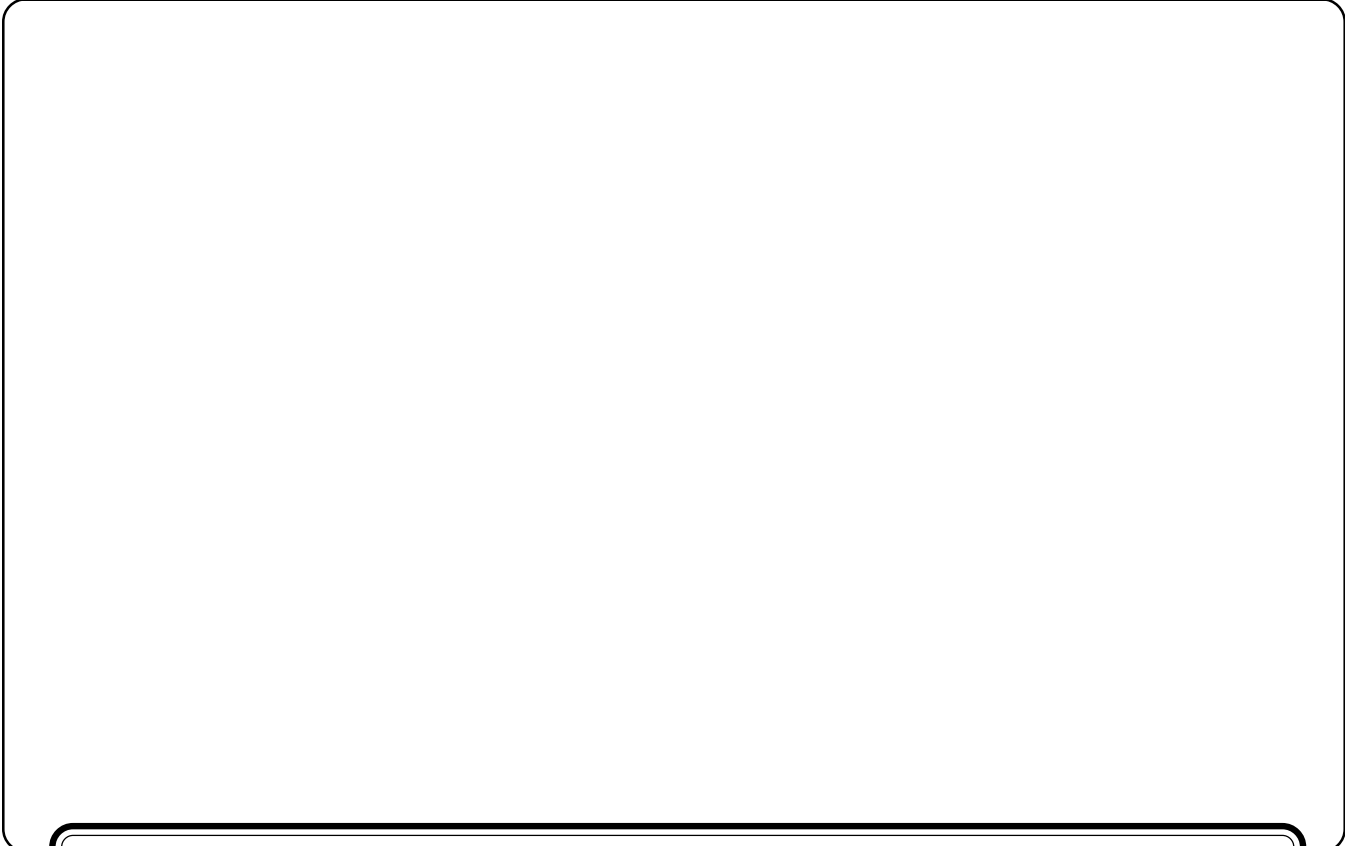
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# Monasticism

**540 A.D.**

Searching for religious enlightenment, many early Christians sought separation from the world. Monks eventually began to establish private communities called monasteries, convents and abbeys. About 540, St. Benedict in Italy used wisdom and prayer to write a document called The Rule of St. Benedict, which outlined monastic life. Many monasteries became centers of learning, healing and a place to hear the Gospel.



# Noble Life

Far and rich off the hard work of the lower classes, the nobles of the later Middle Ages enjoyed wealth, stability and eventually fell victim to boredom, petty battles and wars among the nobles. This deterioration led to many changes, however it is noted that education and the code of Chivalry and Romantic Love were direct products of this life of leisure.

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