

History Vocabulary — The Middle Ages

1 Write the translation of the word.

- 1 battle _____
- 2 allies _____
- 3 empire _____
- 4 revolt _____
- 5 capture _____
- 6 invade _____
- 7 Byzantine _____
- 8 monarch _____
- 9 crown _____
- 10 territory _____

2 Look at the timeline and match the words in bold to the definitions below.

- 493 Theodoric the Great, king of the Ostrogoths, **defeated** Odoacer and assumed power in Italy.
- 535–553
- 542 The beginning of a deadly **plague** which spread across Africa, Asia and Europe.
- 568
- 774 The Franks became **allies** of Pope Adrian I and **invaded** Italy, **capturing** much of the Lombards' **territory**.
- 800 Charlemagne was **crowned** Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Leo III and his power **spread** to briefly unite modern day France, western Germany and northern Italy.
- 962
- 1096 the First **Crusade** was launched by Pope Urban II in an attempt to **conquer** the Holy City of Jerusalem, which had recently been captured by the Turks.
- 1204
- 1348-1351

defeat capture crown allies conquer territory plague crusade rule

- 1 *defeat* To win a victory over someone
- 2 Military expedition organised by Western Christians to recapture land in the East
- 3 To take land or people from your enemy using soldiers
- 4 Very serious illness which is transmitted from one person to another
- 5 To off icially declare someone the head of a state by placing a crown on their head
- 6 To govern a country or territory
- 7 To gradually cover a larger area
- 8 To take control of something from your enemy
- 9 Countries or people that help and support another country or government
- 10 An area of land controlled by a particular leader

3 Now complete the sentences with the words from the box. Then write them into the timeline on the previous page.

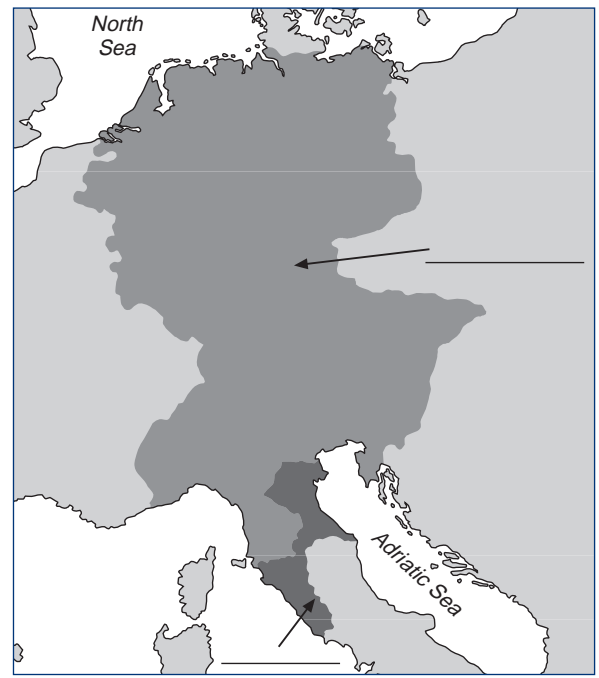
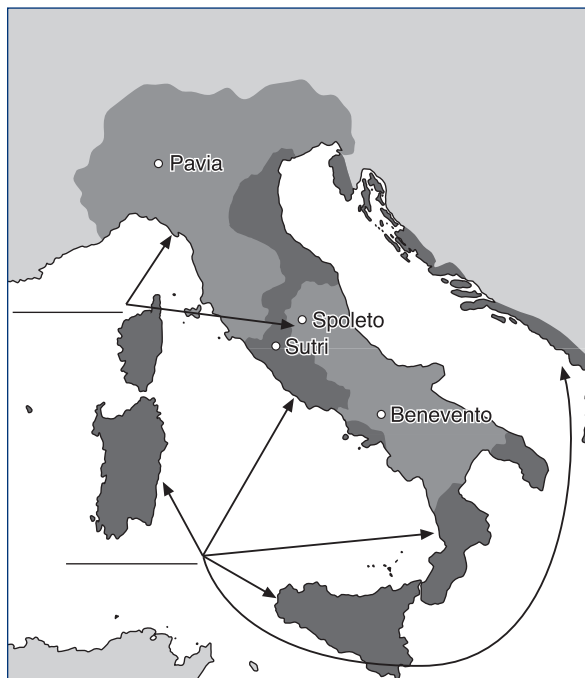
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- 1 The Lombards*invaded*..... Italy, taking control of the North with Pavia as their capital and with territory as far south as Benevento and Spoleto.*568*.....
- 2 In the Fourth a Christian army Constantinople, destroying much of the city and leaving Europe with no line of defence against the East, opening the way into Europe for the Turks.
- 3 Thousands of people all over Europe were killed by a highly contagious known as the the Black Death.
- 4 Otto I of Germany was Holy Roman Emperor, and under German rule the Holy Roman Empire into much of modern day Europe.
- 5 The Gothic wars between the Ostrogoths and the Byzantines. The Ostrogoths were and Italy came under the rule of The Byzantine Empire based in Constantinople.

4 Now write these phrases in the correct places as indicated on the maps.

Italy under Lombard rule (650 AD)

Holy Roman Empire at time of death of Otto I (973 AD)



Areas under Lombard control. (LOM)
Areas under the rule of the Eastern Roman Empire. (ERE)

Areas ruled by the Holy Roman Empire. (HRE)
Papal states. (PS)

ANSWER KEY**Exercise 2**

2 crusade 3 conquer 4 plague 5 crown 6 rule 7 spread
8 capture 9 allies 10 territory

Exercise 3

2 Crusade, conquered. 1204 3 plague. 1348–1351
4 crowned, spread. 962 5 defeated. 535–553

Exercise 4

560: Pavia, LOM, Sutri, ERE. Spoleto and Benevento. LOM. Calabria, Sicily and Dalmatia, ERE.

973: HRE to the north, PS to the south.