

Middle Ages

**How did the fall of the Roman Empire
affect life in Europe?**

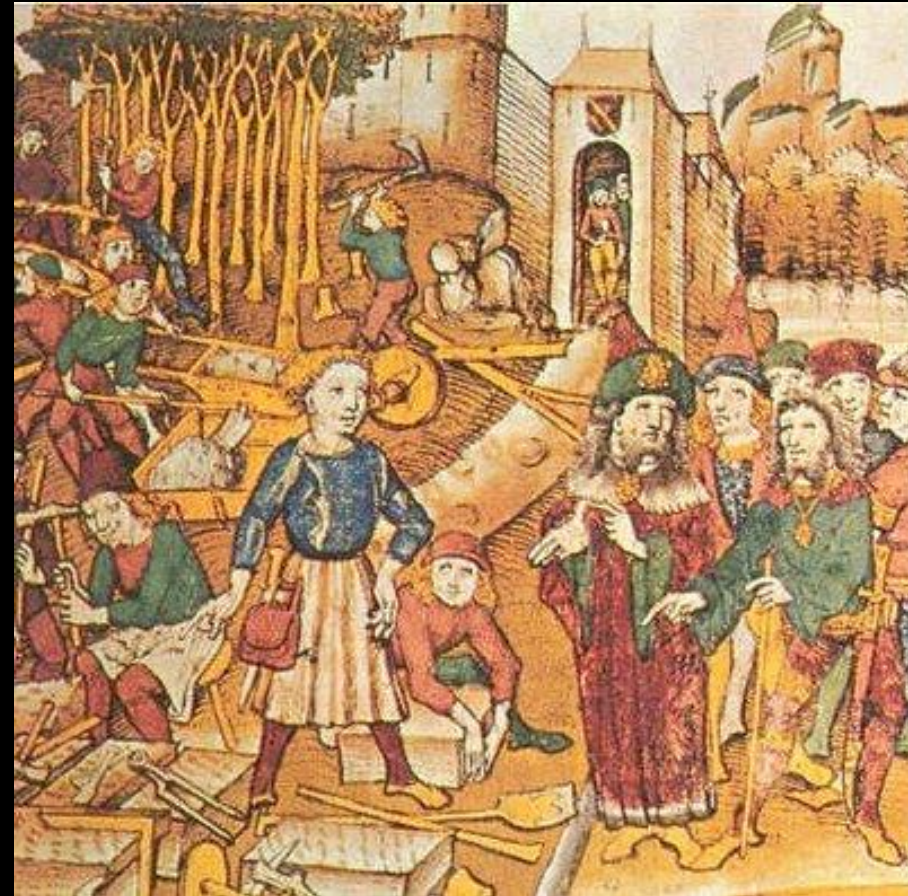
After the Fall

- The decline and fall of the Roman Empire led to an era called the Middle Ages



Invasion affect in Europe

- Constant invasions and constant warfare led to:
 - Disruption of trade
 - Downfall of cities
 - Population shift



Disruption on Trade

- Invasion caused a collapse in trading
- Money became scarce



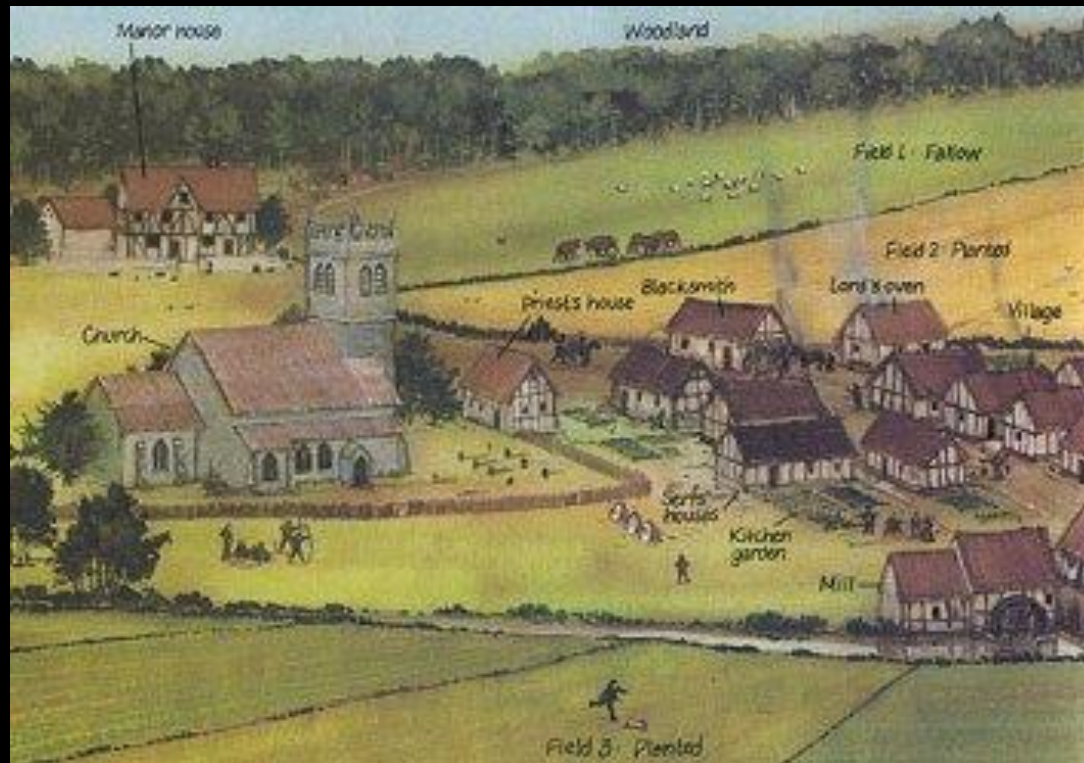
Downfall of cities

- Cities abandoned as centers of government



Population shift

- Nobles left cities and went to rural areas
 - City dwellers left with the leadership to grow their own food
- Population becomes mostly rural



Germanic invaders

- Could not read or write
- Different languages spring up
- Lived in small communities
- Family ties and personal loyalty made it hard to establish an orderly government

