

Middle Ages

**How did Charlemagne transform
society in Western Europe?**

The Franks

- The Franks emerged as the leading force in Gaul



Clovis

- Clovis was their leader
 - Wife urged him to convert to Christianity
 - 496-in fighting against an another Germanic tribe Clovis appealed to the Christian god
 - Wins
 - Asked bishop to baptize his army
 - What does it mean for Clovis to baptize his entire army?



The Church Response

- The church in Rome welcomes Clovis' conversion and supported his military campaigns
- Alliance between the Frankish kings and the church begins
- What is an "alliance?"



Charlemagne

- 771 Charlemagne seized control of the Gaul kingdom
 - Conquered new lands (most of western Europe)
 - Becomes most powerful king in Europe
- What does conquering more land do for his power and reputation?



Charlemagne and the Church

- Went to Rome to crush an unruly mob that attacked the pope
 - Crowned Emperor
- The pope claimed political right to crown an emperor



Governing the Empire

- Limited the Nobles
 - Made sure nobles govern their counties fairly
- Regularly visited every part of the kingdom
- How would regular visits to every part of the kingdom influence what his subjects did?

Cultural Revival

- Encouraged learning
- Opened schools that were to train future monks and priests
- Built more churches
- Built roads to connect the empire

Germanic Tribes Migration

- Ended Charlemagne's empire
- Angles and the Saxons migrated north
- Magyars migrated west
- Vikings migrated south
 - Worshiped war-like gods
 - Raided places quickly