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Unit 8 Vocabulary Words– Middle Ages

Word	Definition	Illustration
Middle Ages	A period in European history after the decline of the Roman Empire. (Circa 500 – 1500 A.D.)	
Magna Carta	A document written in 1215 that limited the power of the king and gave more rights to the citizens.	
manor	A large estate given to a lord and worked by serfs.	
serf	A person of lower rank who farmed and worked on the manor.	
lord	A noble who owned and controlled all activities on the manor.	
vassal	A noble who was given a fief by the lord in exchange for loyalty.	
fief	A feudal estate, land given by a lord to a vassal in return for the vassal's service.	
Renaissance	A time of great artistic and cultural change that spread in Europe circa 1350 A.D.	
Charlemagne	King of the Franks from 768 – 814 A.D.	
Martin Luther	A priest who did not believe that poor people should have to pay the church for forgiveness of sins.	
Feudalism	A system of governing and organizing society based on land & service.	

Pope Urban	He called for the first crusade to reclaim Jerusalem from the Muslims.	
Crusade	Journeys and battles undertaken by European Christians between 1095 – 1270 to win control of the Holy Land (Palestine) from the Muslims.	