

CAROLINGIAN EMPIRE

Read the short texts and then try to answer the following questions...

MEROVINGYAN KINGS	CHARLES MARTEL	PEPIN THE SHORT
<p>The Visigoths were conquered by Franks in 507. Franks created a new kingdom over the Gauls. Merovingian dynasty became kings of the Franks. They ruled over the kingdom during two centuries.</p>	<p>Under the Merovingian dynasty, kings delegated power to an official called <i>Mayor of the Palace</i>. Charles Martel was Mayor in 714. He became more and more powerful until he was the real ruler of the kingdom. In 736 Charles Martel defeated Muslim invasion of the kingdom at the Battle of Poitiers.</p>	<p>Pepin was the first king of the Carolingian dynasty in 751. Pepin, son of Charles Martel, deposed Childeric III and became king with the help of the Pope and the nobility. Pepin gave Rome and the surrounding territories to the Pope for his help against Childeric. It was called <i>Papal States</i>.</p>
CHARLEMAGNE	LOUIS THE PIOUS	LOUIS' SONS
<p>Charlemagne succeeded Pepin as a king in 768. Charlemagne conquered vast territories in East Germany, North of Italy and south Pyrennes. In 800, Charlemagne was named Emperor by the Pope. His kingdom was called <i>Holy Roman Empire</i>. Charlemagne established his capital in Aix-en-Chapelle. He divided his Empire in shires and marches ruled by nobles (Earls) and bishops. In exchange for this, they made an oath and promised loyalty to Charlemagne.</p>	<p>After the death of Charlemagne, Louis the Pious was the new Carolingian Emperor. He named his eldest son, Lothar, as next emperor. The other sons did not recognize him as king and joined their forces against Lothar.</p>	<p>When Louis the Pious was dead, a war between their sons began: Charles, Louis and Lothar. Finally, in 843 the three brothers signed the Treaty of Verdun: the Holy Roman Empire was divided and began a large decline.</p>

QUESTIONS	CHARACTERS	DATES	PLACES	REASONS
When do the Franks conquer Visigoths?		507		
Where do the Franks create a new kingdom?			Galia	
How long do the Merovingians rule over Galia?		Two centuries		
Who becomes the real ruler of the Merovingian kingdom?	Charles Martel			
Where does Charles Martel defeat the Muslims?			Poitiers	
Who is the first Mayor of the Palace in eighth century?	Charles Martel			
Who is the first king of the Carolingian Dynasty?	Pepin the Short			
Who helps Pepin to become king?	Pope and the nobility			
Who did the Pope help to be king?	Pepin the Short			
What is the name of the Pope's territories?			Papal States	
Why does Pepin give the Pope the Papal territories?				Because the Pope helps Pepin against Childeric
Who becomes king after Pepin?	Charlemagne			
In which countries does Charlemagne conquer territories?			Germany, Italy and Spain	
What is the real name of Charlemagne's territories?			Holy Roman Empire	

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When does Charlemagne become Emperor?		800		
Who names Charlemagne emperor?	The Pope			
Where is the capital of Charlemagne's Empire?			Aix-en-Chapelle	
How does the Emperor divide his lands?			Shires/ Marchs	
Who does Charlemagne give his territories to?	Earls and bishops			
What do they give in exchange for these territories?				They make an oath (promise of loyalty)
Who is the next Emperor after Charlemagne?	Louis the Pious			
What are the names of Louis the Pious' sons?	Charles, Louis and Lothar			
Who does Louis the Pious name as the next king?	Lothar			
Why do Louis the Pious' sons start a war?				Because Charles and Louis do not recognize Lothar as King
Where was the peace Treaty signed?			Verdun	
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How many kingdoms is the Holy Roman Empire divided into?			3	

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EXERCISE

CAROLINGIANS AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

OBJETIVES

- To get a deeper knowledge of the Carolingian history
- To learn and practice with “ who, how, what, which and when”
- To manage simple texts and obtain information
- Improve his/her reading competence

TASK

Students make groups in pairs and read the short text. Then, the teacher gives them the paper with the questions. Read the questions and search information into the short texts. Fill the blanks correct looking at the titles of the columns.

Put the answers in common with the other groups.