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**Reading Guide Chapter 11 The Later Middle Ages, 1300-1450**

Prelude to Disaster *How did climate change shape the late Middle Ages?*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How did the European climate change from 1000 to 1450?</li><li>2. What was the Great Famine and how did the climate cause it?</li><li>3. What specific evidence shows the social consequences of climate change?</li><li>4. Why were Jews the victims of the frustrations of the starving population?</li><li>5. How was trade affected? Give specific examples.</li><li>6. How effective were government responses?</li></ol>	
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The Black Death *How did the plague reshape European society?*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. Why did the plague spread through Europe so quickly? Give specific examples.</li><li>8. What is <i>Yersinia pestis</i>?</li><li>9. What are the symptoms of bubonic plague?</li><li>10. How did the plague spread through the world?</li><li>11. What was the effect of the plague on the European population? Give specific evidence.</li><li>12. When did the plague end?</li><li>13. What was the medical response to the plague in Europe?</li></ol>	
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<p>14. What were the economic benefits of the plague?</p> <p>15. What were the religious/social responses to the plague?</p>	
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The Hundred Years' War *What were the causes, course and consequences of the Hundred Years' War?*

<p>16. How did Aquitaine contribute to the war?</p> <p>17. How did a question of succession contribute to the war?</p> <p>18. What is Salic Law and how did it apply to the conflict?</p> <p>19. How did the French nobility contribute to the length of the war?</p> <p>20. What economic factors contributed to the breakout of war?</p> <p>21. How did Joan of Arc change the fortunes of the French?</p> <p>22. What happens to Joan of Arc?</p> <p>23. Why did the war end?</p> <p>24. How did the war contribute to the concept of nationalism?</p>	
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Challenges to the Church *Why did the church come under increasing criticism?*

<p>25. What was the Babylonian Captivity and how did it damage the authority of the church?</p> <p>26. How did the Great Schism affect the church?</p> <p>27. What were William of Occam's objections to the church?</p> <p>28. How did John Wyclif envision power</p>	
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structures in a Christian Europe?

29. How did Jan Hus implement Wyclif's ideas?
30. How did the laity respond to the Great Schism? Give specific historical evidence.

Social Unrest in a Changing Society *What explains the social unrest of the late Middle Ages?*

31. Why did the peasants of Flanders revolt?
32. What was the Jacquerie?
33. How did the English Peasants' Revolt develop?
34. What was the common result of each of these uprisings? Give specific details of each.
35. How did the changes in the guild system contribute to the frustrations of the skilled urban poor?
36. How did women's matrimonial prospects differ from other women all over the world?
37. What restrictions did men experience regarding marriage?
38. What were the effects of these prohibitions?
39. How did the institutionalization of prostitution manifest?
40. How can it be argued that rape among lower class women was institutionalized?
41. How did attitudes toward same-sex relations change during the Middle Ages?

42. How did “fur-collar crime” develop?
43. What was legal dualism?
44. How did these laws develop into legal homogeneity in the later Middle Ages?
45. What is the relationship between “blood” and ethnicity?
46. How did the concept of “blood” contribute to literature? Give specific examples.
47. What evidence is there for increased literacy as the Middle Ages transitioned into the Renaissance?