

The Influence of the Medieval Church Questions Name _____

1. Who or what was the most powerful force in the medieval world?
2. What caused the Roman emperor Constantine to convert to Christianity?
3. How did the Church adopt pagan fertility symbols into church holidays? Give examples.
4. The Roman Empire fell, but it had already given birth to what, which ruled in its stead?
5. According to the medieval Church, who formed the “head” of society and who were the “feet”?
6. Who was the most powerful man in the world during this time?
7. What was the official language of the Church?
8. What are the few duties that the Church performed that a government would perform in modern times?
9. How was the Church organized like a government?
10. **Respond:** Is the separation of church and state a good idea? Explain.
11. Who were the privileged few who knew the secrets of reading and writing?
12. **Respond:** How do we treat the “secret” of reading and writing differently in modern countries?
13. How were the common people separated from what the Bible actually said?
14. In the Medieval Church what was the only way sins could be forgiven?
15. What are the Seven Deadly Sins?

16. Who is the Madonna?
17. According to the Medieval Church, what happened to unbaptized infants?
18. What is *excommunication* and who had this power?
19. What is *Limbo*?
20. What was "The Harrowing of Hell"?
21. What is *Purgatory*?
22. Who were the saints of the Church?
23. Who was St. Christopher?
24. St. Patrick was a missionary to what group of people?
25. According to legend, what was a miraculous feat he performed?
26. How did St. Benedict try to reform the Church?
27. How did monks deny themselves some of the basic comforts of life?
28. What are monasteries and nunneries?
29. Did all monks and nuns join the clergy because of a devotion to God? Explain.
30. What was a holy relic?
31. **Respond:** From the list of holy relics from the Middle Ages, which one seems most interesting to you? Explain.

32. How did the Church become a “money business” in the Middle Ages?
33. Vicious rumors of vampirism were spread about what group of people?
34. According to superstition, how did warlocks and witches get their power?
35. What were some powers associated with witches?
36. Did the Church conduct widespread witch trials? Explain.
37. Were there church “denominations” in the Middle Ages? Explain.
38. What is *heresy*?
39. What was *inquisition*?
40. How did St. Francis try to undo the corruption of the Church?
41. **Respond with 4-5 sentences (5 points):** What do you find most interesting or shocking about the Church in the medieval time period?