

CHAPTER

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GEOGRAPHY APPLICATION: PLACE

Feudal Europe's Religious Influences

Section 4

Directions: Read the paragraphs below and study the map carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.

The influence of the Latin Church—the Roman Catholic Church—grew in western Europe after 800. By 1000, at the end of the age of invasions, the Church's vision of a spiritual kingdom in feudal Europe was nearly realized.

A sign of the spread of Roman Christianity in western Europe was the increased presence of churches. The population of the continent was increasing rapidly—from around 14 million in 600 to 22 million in 950—and the need to accommodate all the new faithful caused a boom in religious buildings.

It was an era of new Roman Christian states. By 966 much of the Polish region had sided with Rome,

as did that of Hungary around 986. Large sections of Scandinavia adopted the Latin Church by 1000. In the fifth century, Ireland became the “island of saints.” Then, between 500 and 900, Ireland helped bring England under the influence of Roman Christianity.

However, in 988, in far eastern Europe, the prince of Kiev received baptism from the Eastern Orthodox, or Byzantine, Church, as regions to the south had done in the eighth century. Disputes between the two wings of Christianity—headed by Constantinople and Rome—would soon separate the two forever.



Interpreting Text and Visuals

1. What two forms of Christianity were found in Europe in 1000? _____

2. What surrounds most of the northern section of Eastern Orthodox land? _____
3. Which cities were the leaders of the two Christian religions? _____

4. What was the main religion of southern Spain? _____
5. What nine full or partial political divisions made up the Latin Church around 1000? _____

6. What areas of the Latin Church were bordered by pagan lands? _____

7. What body of water touched Latin, Eastern Orthodox, and pagan lands? _____
8. Look carefully at the map. In what place would you anticipate a major effort by the Latin Church to expand its influence? Why? _____

