Chapter Guide #11: Early Medieval Europe

**CONTEXT:**

Early medieval civilization in western Europe represents a fusion of Christianity, the Greco-Roman heritage, and the cultures of the non-Roman peoples north of the Alps. Although the Romans called everyone who lived beyond the classical world’s frontiers “barbarians,” many northerners had risen to prominent positions with the Roman army and gov’t during the later Roman Empire.

1. Migratory period of the Early Middle Ages are mostly portable art works  Sutton Hoo purse cover
2. Major influences of Charlemagne (King of the Franks 768-800 CE, Emperor of Rome 800-814 CE)
3. The “Dark Ages” reflects what we know of this time not the time itself.
4. Monasteries were the principal centers of learning  creation of more manuscripts  copied books but artwork  (illuminated pages allows for more freedom)
5. Hiberno-Saxons (old name for the Irish)- 6th-11th c.  British Isles
6. Vikings- 8th-11th c.  Scandinavia
7. Carolingians- 8th-9th c.  France, Germany
8. Ottonians- 10th-11th c.  Germany

**ART WORK CARDS: 3D (Yellow) 2D (Red) Architecture (Green)**

WARRIOR LORDS

Purse cover, Sutton Hoo (3D)

Animal head post (3D)

Wood portal of the stave church at Urnes (3D)

HIBERNO SAXON

Book of Durrow (2D)

Lindisfarne Gospels (2D)

Book of Kells (2D)

CAROLINGIAN

Equestrian Statue of Charlemagne (3D)

St. Matthew, Coronation Gospels (2D)

St Matthew, Ebbo Gospels (2D)

Utrecht Psalter (2D)

Landau Gospel (2D)

Palatine Chapel of Charlemagne (Architecture)

Saint Gall plan (Architecture)

OTTONIAN

St Michael’s (Architecture)

Hildesheim Doors (3D)

Gero Crucifix (3D)

## VOCABULARY:

cloisonné

psalm

codex

gospels

carpet page

psalter

reliquary

scriptorium

**ARCHITECTURE**

opus reticulatum

castelum

stringcourse

turris

modeling

cloister

alternate support system

westwork

**CONTEXT CARDS: Blue**

Warrior Lords

Hiberno-Saxon

Carolingian

Ottonian

## TIMELINE:

## 768-814 Charlemagne rules

## 793 Viking raids Britain

## 800 Charlemagne is crowned Emperor in Rome

## 840-875 Charles the Bald rules

## 983-1002 Otto III rules

## 1002-1024 Last Ottonian Emperor

## ORNAMENTAL & ICONIC COMPARISON:

