

CHAPTER  
**13**

**BUILDING VOCABULARY** *European Middle Ages*

**A. Matching** Match the description in the second column with the term or name in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| ___ 1. Middle Ages         | a. worldly   |
| ___ 2. Franks              | b. Christian religious community in which members devote their lives to God                                |
| ___ 3. monastery           | c. family that ruled the Franks from 751 to 987 and built an empire in western Europe                      |
| ___ 4. secular             | d. a German people who held power in Gaul in the 500s  |
| ___ 5. Carolingian Dynasty | e. important Christian religious rite that paved the way for achieving salvation                           |
| ___ 6. Charlemagne         | f. ruler in the Carolingian Dynasty who reunited western Europe and spread Christianity through the region |
| ___ 7. sacrament           | g. German-Italian empire that was the strongest state in Europe from 962 to about 1100                     |
| ___ 8. Holy Roman Empire   | h. period of time in European history from about 500 to 1500   |

**B. Completion** Select the term or name that best completes the sentence.

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| fief            | vassal | canon law | tithe  |
| lay investiture | serf   | manor     | clergy |

- In the Middle Ages, a \_\_\_\_\_ was a lord's estate.
- A person who received land from a lord was called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ was a peasant, or worker, who was bound to the land.
- Peasant families paid the village priest a church tax called a \_\_\_\_\_, which amounted to one-tenth of their income.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ was land granted by a lord in exchange for military protection and other services.
- In a ceremony called \_\_\_\_\_, kings or nobles appointed church officials.

**C. Writing** Write a short letter from a medieval knight to his chosen lady using the following terms.

- lord      knight      chivalry      tournament      troubadour