

# Guided Reading Activity

The logo for 'networks' features the word 'networks' in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. A stylized graphic of intersecting lines forms a starburst or network pattern behind the letter 'o'.

## Medieval Kingdoms in Europe

### Lesson 2 *Peasants, Trade, and Cities*

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

**A. Main Idea:** Changes in society, technology, and climate brought agricultural improvements to medieval Europe.

1. How did the use of iron affect medieval farming?

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2. What change in crop rotation increased farm yields?

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**B. Main Idea:** The manorial system was an agricultural system by which serfs were legally bound to work a lord's land and were granted land of their own.

1. Who owned the land that serfs farmed?

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2. What were the rights and responsibilities of lords?

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**C. Main Idea:** A medieval revival in trade brought with it a growth in towns and a money economy.

1. Where were Europe's main medieval trading centers?

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2. How did increased trade give rise to commercial capitalism?

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**D. Main Idea:** Medieval towns and cities reshaped feudalism and became important centers for manufacturing.

1. When did townspeople gain new rights, and why?

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2. What benefits did guilds offer craftspeople?

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### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What conditions and factors led to the growth of independent medieval cities?

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