

Guided Reading Activity



Crusades and Culture in the Middle Ages

Lesson 3 *Culture of the Middle Ages*

Review Questions

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. Architecture

A. What features characterized the basilicas of the late Roman Empire?

B. What features characterized Romanesque churches?

C. What features characterized Gothic cathedrals?

II. Universities

A. What were the first three European universities, and what subjects did they teach?

B. What was Anselm of Canterbury's most significant contribution to scholasticism?

C. How did Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica* attempt to reconcile Aristotle with Christian doctrine?

III. Vernacular Literature

A. What was the most popular vernacular literature of the 1100s?

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B. What is significant about the *Song of Roland*?

C. How does Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* provide both historical and literary insight into medieval England?

Summary and Reflection

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

What was the purpose and focus of study in Europe's first universities?
