

Interactive Notebook Setup

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- Middle Ages Europe
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Politics and Society

European Culture

The Early Middle Ages



- 500-1000 CE
 - Fall of Rome led to changes in government, economics, and culture of western Europe

Middle Ages European Kingdoms

- The Roman Empire collapsed for a ton of reasons, mostly because of:
 - Outbreaks of Disease
 - Maybe even lead poison from the waterpipes
 - Weak Leaders
 - Invasion by group of people called Germanic Tribes

Invasions of the Roman Empire 100 - 500 CE

Western Roman Empire

Eastern Roman Empire



Chalons 451

Hun Capital

Constantinople 478

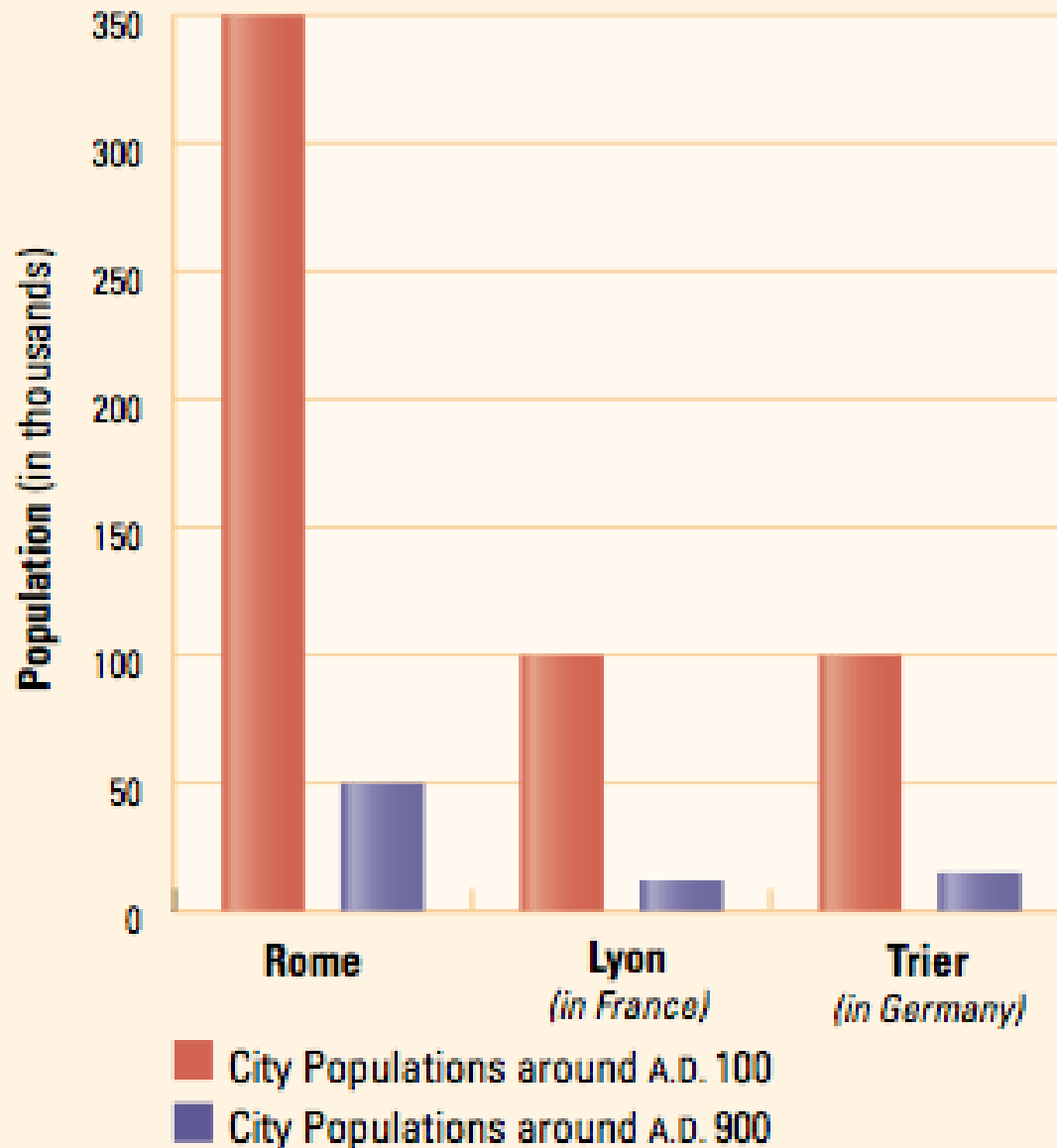
Rome

Carthage

- Angles, Saxons
- Franks
- Goths
- Visigoths
- Ostrogoths
- Huns
- Vandals

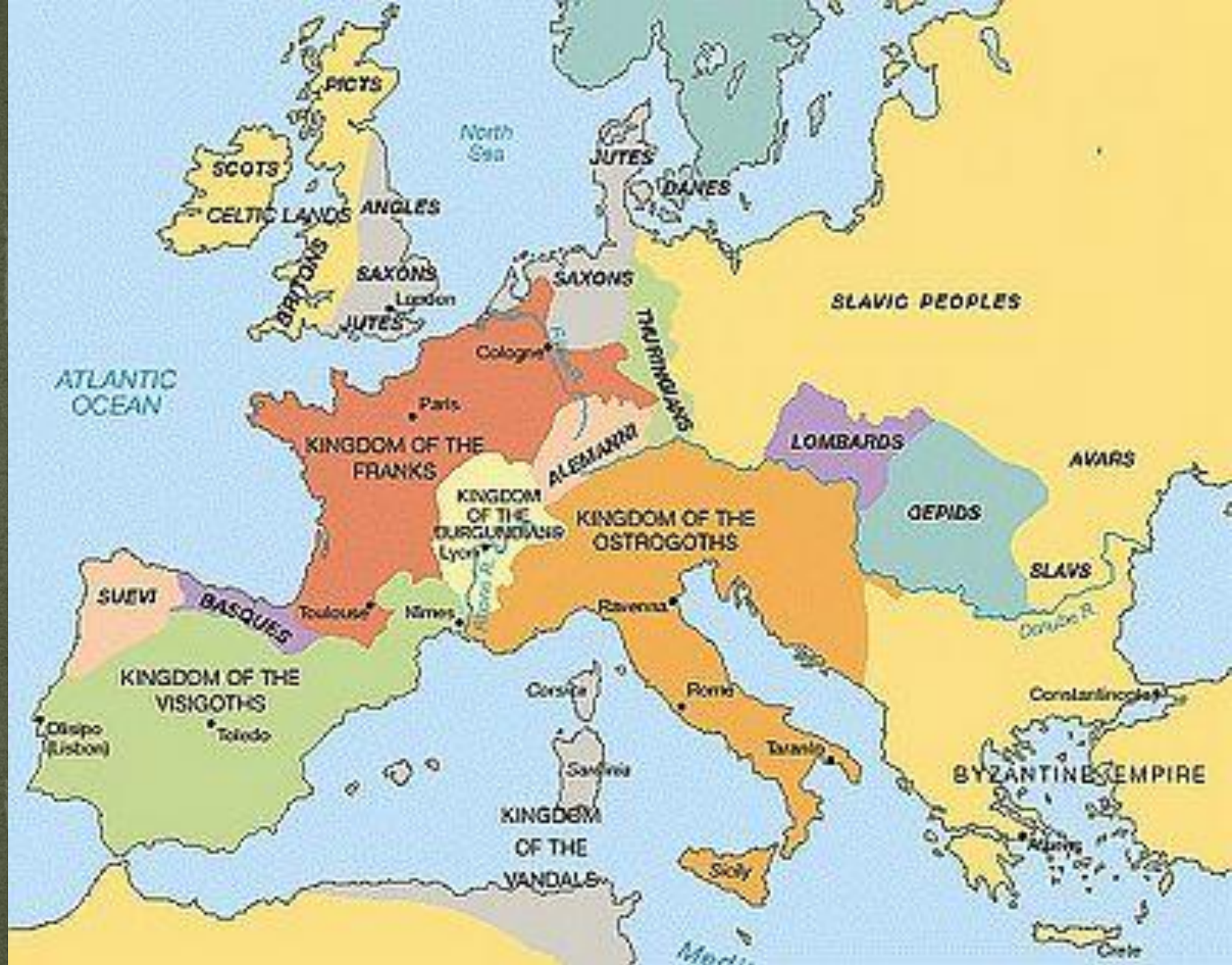


Population of Three Roman Cities



Politics and Society

- After Roman Empire collapsed, Europe was ruled by lots of small weak kingdoms
 - Called decentralized monarchies
- Most of these kingdoms were ruled by one of the Germanic Tribes
- Tribes like the Goths, Huns, and Saxons took over Europe



Politics and Society

- None of the kings were very powerful and they were always in competition with each other
- The kingdoms fought each other often
- They would fight over control of land, access of water/waterways, and to take resources away from one another



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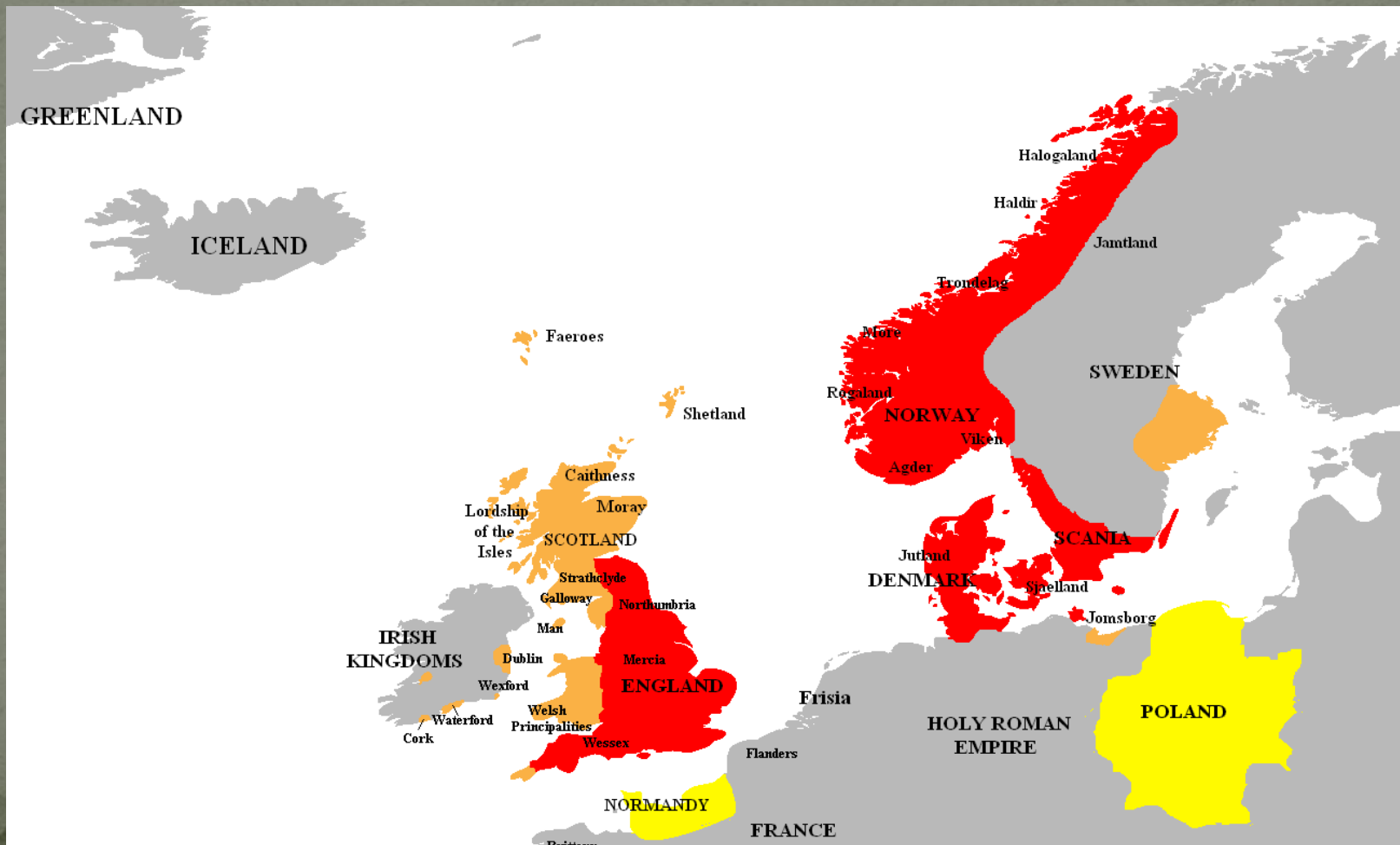
- Kingdoms were attacked/raided by Vikings and Germanic tribes often
- Many kings struggled to protect their people
- The Vikings TERRIFIED ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE





Middle Ages European Politics

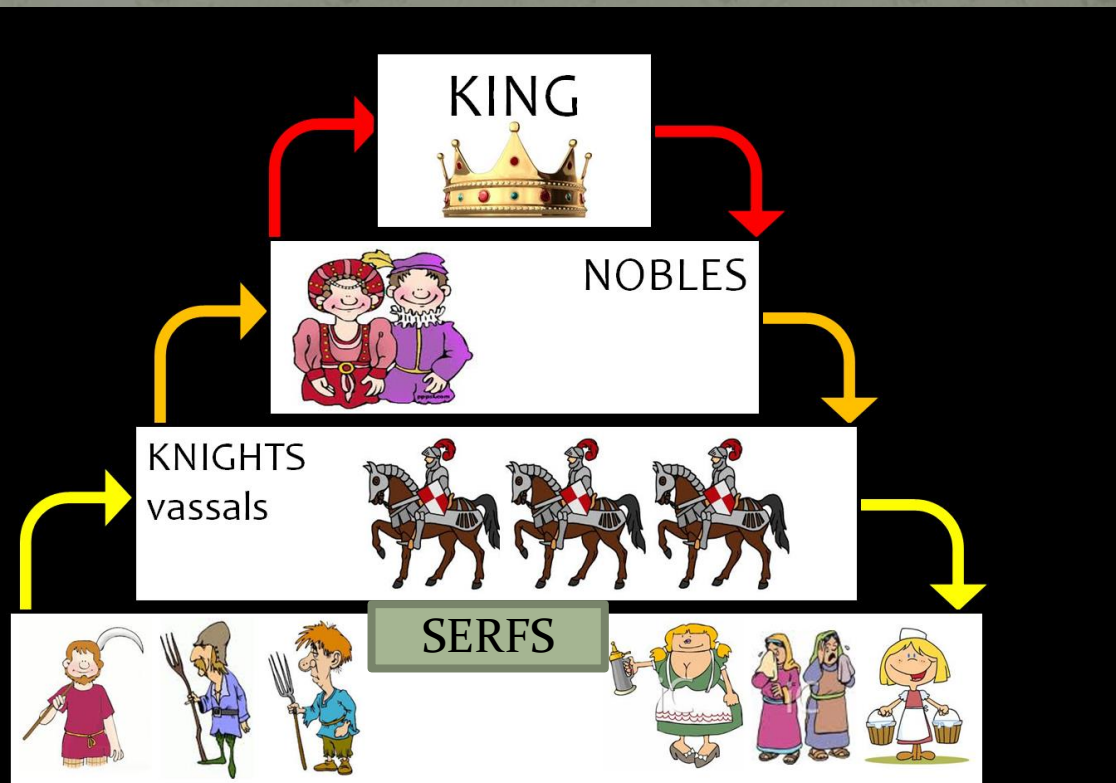
- Some Vikings even created new Kingdoms





Politics and Society

- Most of these decentralized monarchies relied on political/economic system called feudalism



Politics and Society

- King relied on Nobles/Lords to:
 - Enforce laws
 - Collect taxes
 - Provide military troops



Politics and Society

- Serfs received:
 - Protection
 - Land to live on/farm

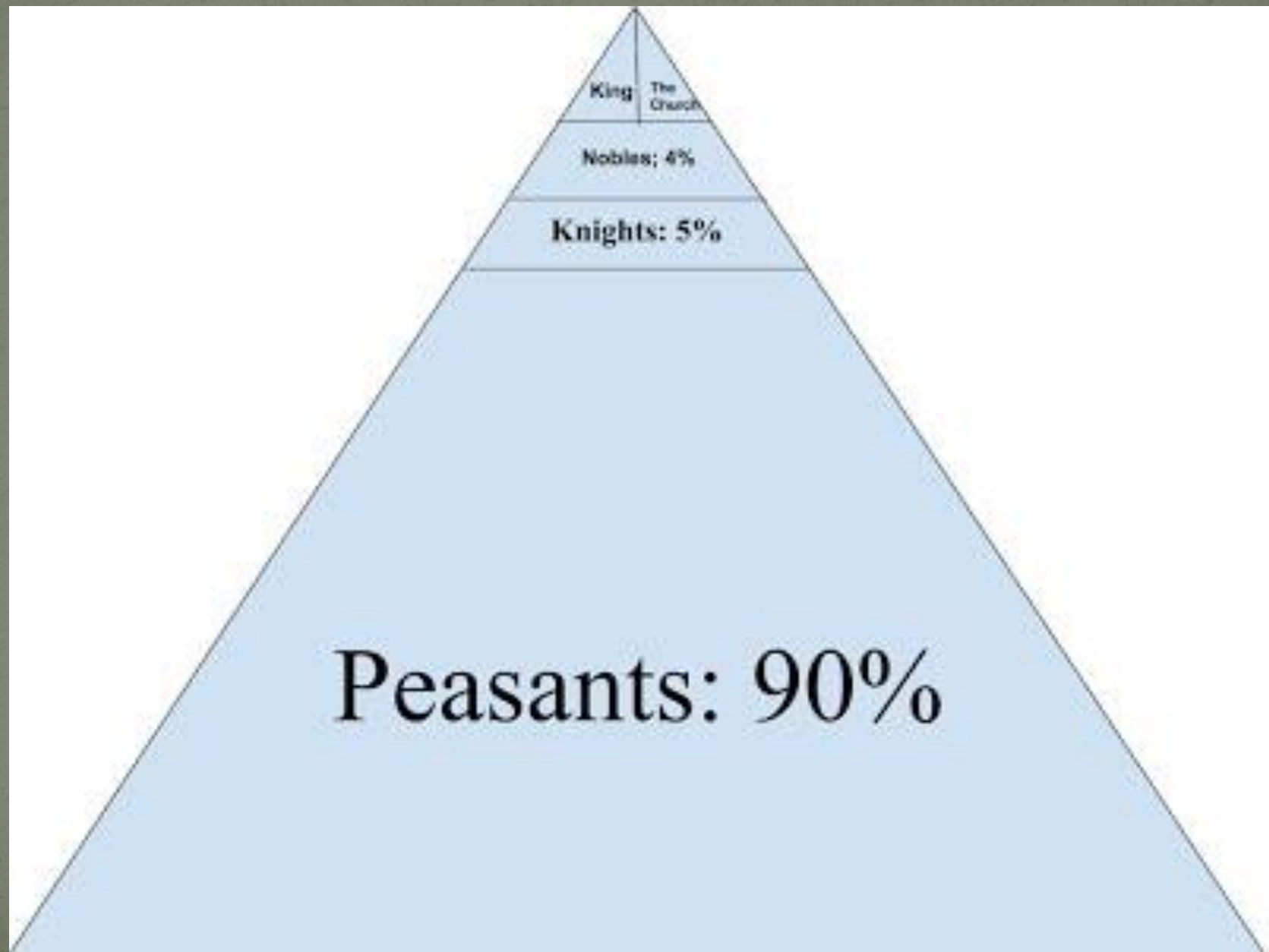


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- Serfs were called COERCED LABORERS
- Coerced labor=work forced to do for someone else for little to no pay

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- Some peasants were free laborers
- These peasants were free to grow and sell their own crops
- This was a very small number of people



Politics and Society

- Economy was almost entirely based on agriculture
- Mostly producing crops like:
 - Wheat
 - Barely
 - Vegetables

Politics and Society

- European Kingdoms were not strong enough to protect/participate much trade
- Trade only happened at local level between towns
- Robbers and thieves were common on trade routes
- Not to mention the Germanic Tribes and Vikings

European Culture

- Belief in **Christianity** was the **only thing** that European **kingdoms** had in common
- **Catholic Church** became **most powerful** organization in **Western Europe**
- Catholic means Universal or all inclusive
 - First used by a man named Saint Ignatius of Antioch



European Culture

- Leader of Catholic Church is called the Pope
- Pope was the most important/powerful person in Western Europe for about 1000 years



European Culture

- Most of the Church's power came from the promise of a way to heaven



European Culture

- The Church was the only place the kept records of:
 - Births
 - Marriage
 - Death

European Culture

- Germanic kings became Catholic to gain support of Pope and become more powerful
- Clovis I of the Franks converted to Catholic Christianity, it set him apart from other kings vying for power and put him in alliance with landholding elites of the former patrician classes

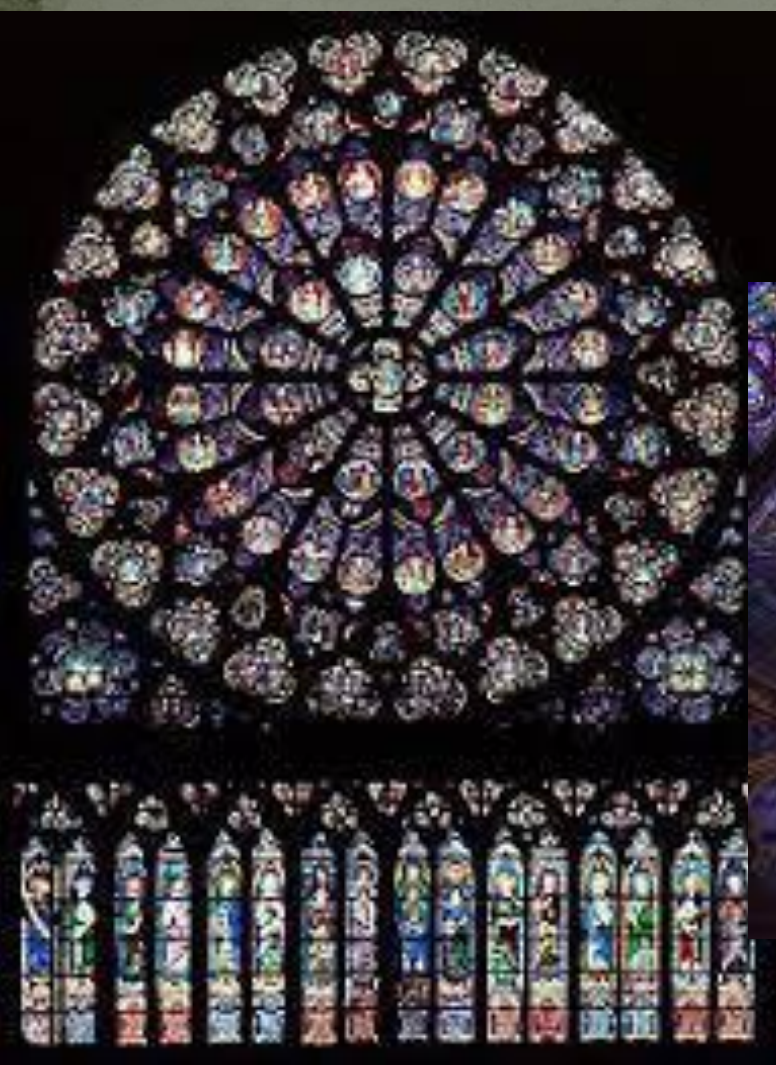
Baptism of Clovis in 496

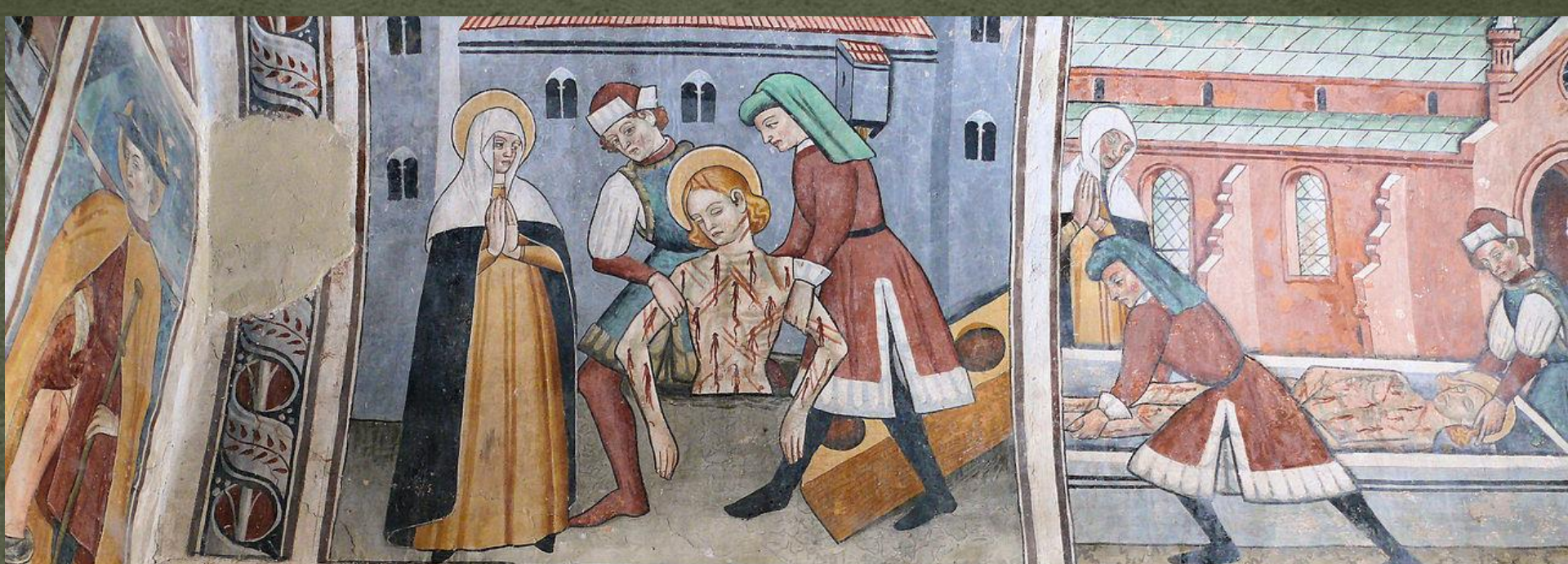


European Culture

- The Catholic Church influenced/controlled:
 - Education
 - Science and Philosophical Study
 - Hospitals
 - Art







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Canterbury Cathedral in England



Chartres Cathedral in France



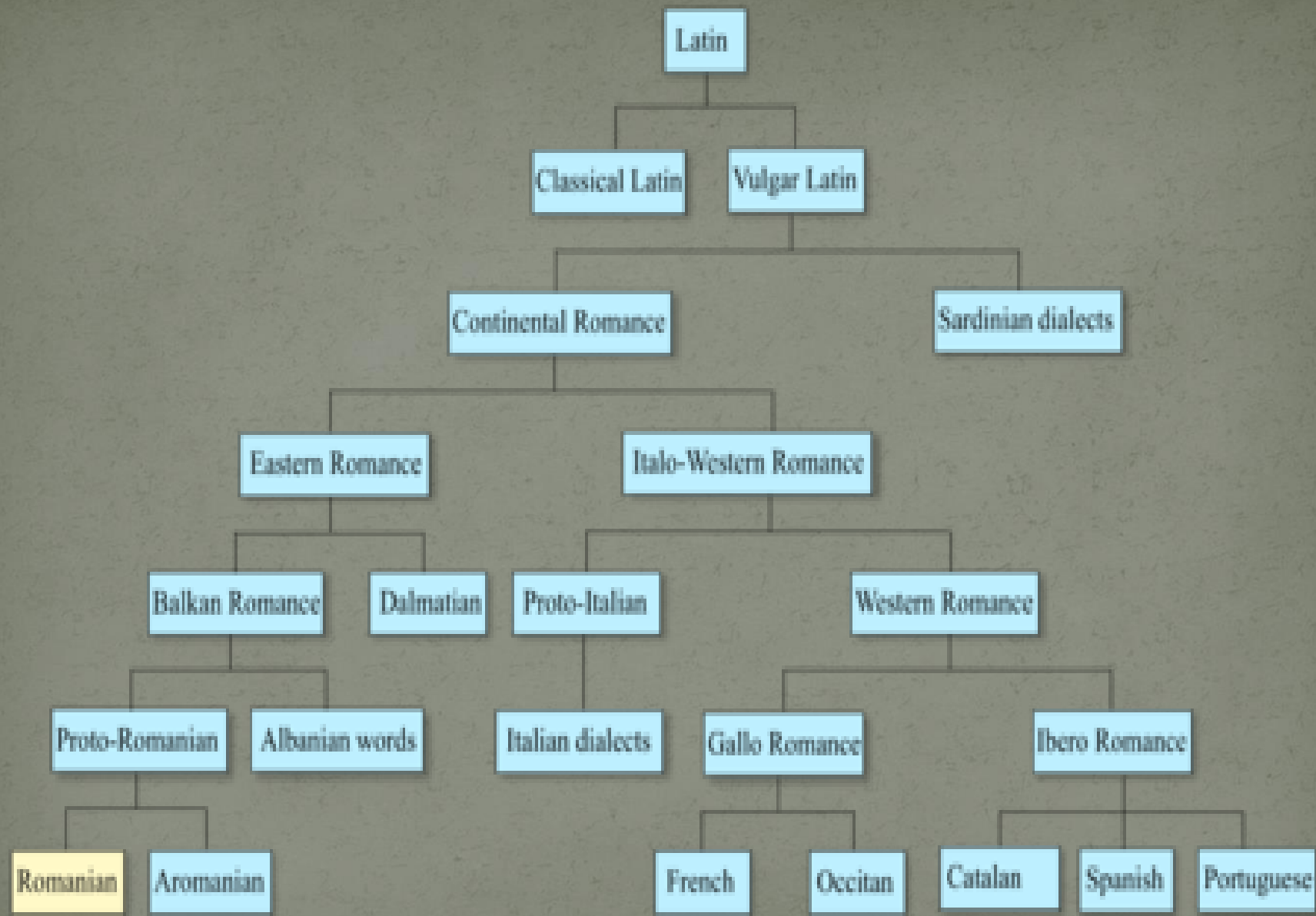






European Culture

- Loss of a common language
 - Latin language had united the Roman Empire
 - Many of the new kingdoms created their own languages
 - Germanic Languages mixed with Latin to create new languages
 - Different dialects developed
 - Led to the formation of the romance languages



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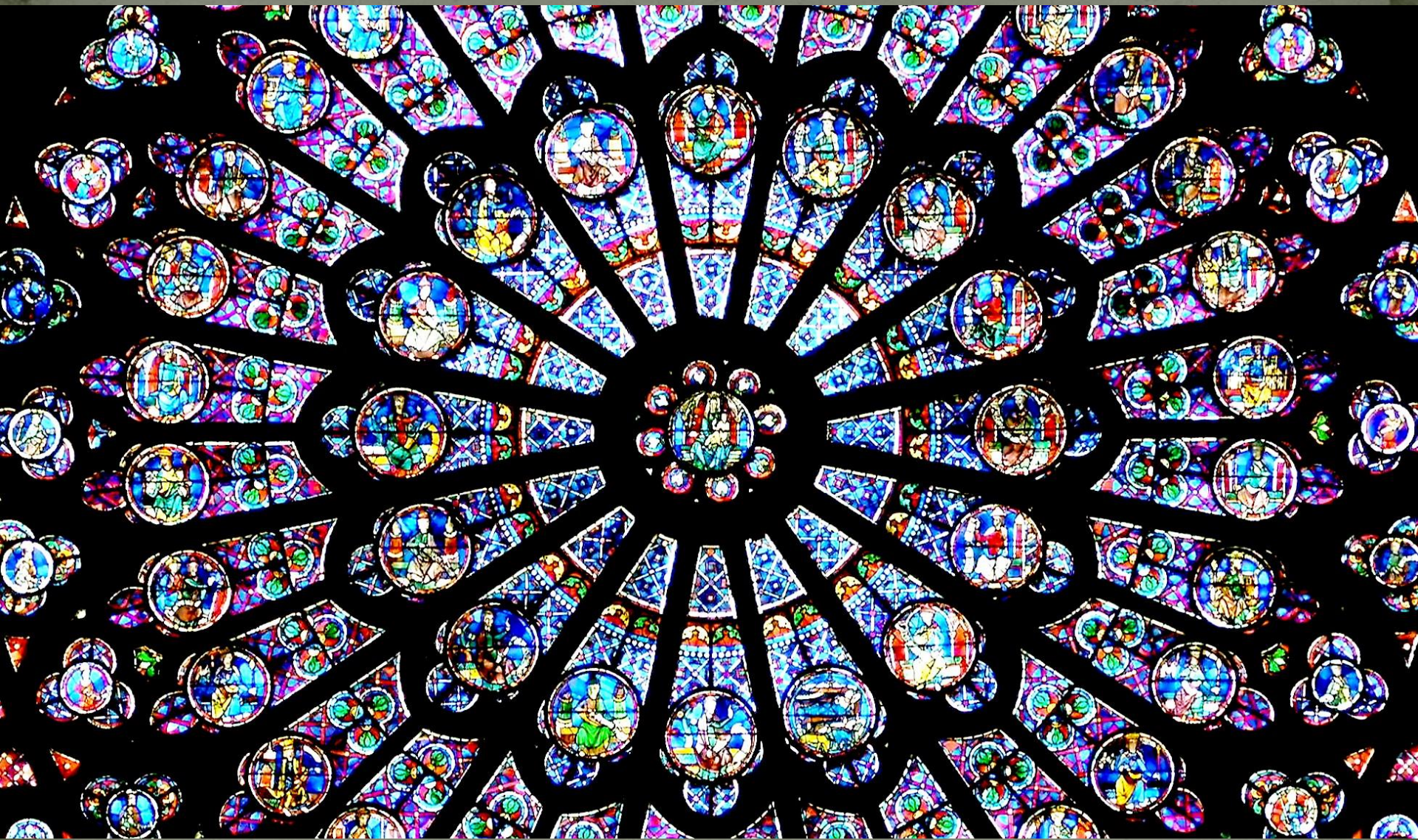
- Islamic culture dominated the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) from the 8th-15th Century
 - Called the Al-Andalus



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- Islamic culture influenced European Architecture and Scientific Developments
- LET'S LOOK AT SOME PICTURES AND SEE IF YOU CAN SEE THE ISLAMIC INFLUENCES...











European Culture

- Judaism had been practiced in Europe as early as the 1st Century CE
- Judaism continued to be practiced in almost every major kingdom in Europe
 - Largest area of Jewish Diaspora



European Culture

- Most of the time **Jews were a religious minority** in the community that they lived in **and kept their** unique and influence **culture**
- This **often lead to mistreatment** and conflict with Christian Majority communities

