Chapter 19 Traditions and Encounters 5th Edition

**Reading Questions**

1. What do the journeys of the Polos represent about European society during the high middle ages?
2. What was the Holy Roman Empire? What did each one of those words (*holy*, *Roman*, and *empire*) mean to Europeans in this period? How was the Holy Roman Empire none of those?
3. What did the monarchies that emerged in France and England have in common? How were they different?
4. What were the significant innovations in agriculture in Europe during this period? How did each one lead to increased yield?
5. What was the role of the textile industry in the European economy during this period?
6. Where were the centers of the trade networks for Europe? Why there?
7. How did the development of chivalry affect the noble classes?
8. During this period Europe saw the emergence of a new social class in the cities. Who were they? What roles did they play? How did they make a place for themselves in the medieval social order?
9. What is scholasticism and what broader intellectual movements did it reflect? How did it contrast with popular religion?
10. Where and how did Europe expand during the High Middle Ages?

**Extended questions**

Consider the northern Italian city-states that emerged during this period. How did they become so successful and prosperous? What roles did they play in the economy, politics, and religion of Europe?

The Roman Catholic Church encountered many challenges during this period. What were they? How did the Church manage to meet each challenge and still thrive? What do you predict will happen to the church after this period?

Some historians believe that the institutional foundations of *modern* Europe (and by extension North America) first appeared during this period. What political, economic, and social institutions can you see emerging of during this period? Explain their beginnings.

Terms:

Lay investiture 1st Crusade

Capetian Dynasty 2nd Crusade

Normans 3rd Crusade

Iberia 4th Crusade

Reconquista

Hanseatic League

Eleanor of Aquitaine

Guilds