**Middle Ages Study Guide**

1. Dark Ages
   1. How would you describe them?
   2. How did they happen?
2. Feudalism in Western Europe
   1. Why did it develop?
   2. What was the structure?
   3. How was your place in the structure decided?
   4. How was wealth held?
   5. How does the manor system fit—what was it based on?
   6. What is chivalry?
   7. How was Japanese feudalism similar?
3. Which institution held the most power?
4. What types of conflict happened in this time period?
   1. What was the Magna Carta? What did it do? What rights did it protect?
5. Guilds
   1. What were they?
   2. How did you become a guild member?
   3. What are their pros and cons?
   4. How did towns change the economy?
6. Black Death
   1. What was it?
   2. Where did it begin?
   3. How did it spread?
   4. How much of the population died as a result?
   5. What were its effects?
   6. How did it change art and culture?
7. Crusades
   1. What were they?
   2. Why was Jerusalem an important city?
   3. Were they a success for Europeans?
   4. How did they impact trade?
   5. How did they impact feudalism?

**Don’t forget to study the regional medieval civilizations chart and your Renaissance notes and focus questions!**