The Middle Ages
Outcome: Causes/Effects of the Middle Ages

Discussion Question: If our American government disappeared today, how would our lives be different tomorrow? Next month? Next year?

1. The Middle Ages: What is it?
   a. Time period that existed between the ______________ and the ______________
   b. Lasts roughly ________ years, __________-__________
   c. Other names: __________________ or __________ period
   d. Often seen as a very ___________ and ____________ period

2. Causes of the Middle Ages
   a. Fall of __________ was caused by invading ______________ ______________
   b. Invasions led to:
      i. Disruption of ________: Merchant trade collapsed and Europe’s economic centers were destroyed. Money also became scarce.
      ii. Downfall of ________: Cities were abandoned as centers of administration.
      iii. Europe became ________: Roman cities left without strong leadership.
      iv. Decline of ________: Germanic invaders could not read or write. Learning became less important as people moved to rural areas.
      v. Loss of a ______________ ______________: Latin changed as Germanic people mixed with Roman population.
      vi. Loss of ___________ ____________: Germanic tribes did not have ________ laws nor an ___________ ______________ for ruling purposes
3. How did the Middle Ages change Europe (Effects)?
   a. New __________ ___________ __________ (Holy Roman Empire)
   b. ______ of the __________ ________ in Europe
   c. The power of the __________ (Catholic) __________ __________ rapidly
   d. The ________________________ (s) grows rapidly
   e. Europe became __________ (safer?)
   f. No major emphasis on __________
   g. New languages __________ __________
   h. Early signs of modern European countries start to appear (_______ & _______)

Constructive Response Question
Describe the cause(s) of the Middle Ages as well as several of the changes that occurred in Europe as a result?