**The Middle Ages – Document examination & analysis**

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**Document 1: Feudalism**

**Identify the roles of each member of feudal society.**

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**Document 2: The Crusades**

**Two Sides in a Crusade**

In 1095, Pope Urban II decided that Europe's kingdoms should help the Byzantine emperor. The Byzantine Empire had faced many invasions. Now the Seljuk Turks were a strong force on the Byzantine borders. Speaking to a group of nobles, Pope Urban II called for all Christians to take up arms and take control of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The Pope's speech was witnessed and recorded by a nobleman named Fulcher of Chartres.

Many European men, women, and children joined the Crusades and fought in the Middle East. In 1099 they took Jerusalem. Wars continued in the region for many years. In 1187, the Muslim leader Saladin prepared to try to take Jerusalem back from the Christians.

**Read the excerpt from Fulcher of Chartres' report of Pope Urban's speech. Then read Saladin's feelings about Jerusalem. Use the information in the speeches to help you answer the questions.**

**1.** What reasons does the Pope give for fighting for Jerusalem? What arguments does he use to persuade his listeners to go on a Crusade?

**2.** What reasons does Saladin give for retaking Jerusalem? What arguments does he use to inspire his listeners?

**3.** What are the similarities and differences between the arguments the Pope and Saladin use to persuade their listeners?

**Documents 3: The Black Death (Plague)**

1. What does the author cite as the primary causes of the Black Plague? Effects?

2. Hypothesize what you think is going on in both images.

**Image A:**

What is happening?

Why?

**Image B:**

What is happening?

Why?

**Document 4: Society “Life & Times in the Year 999”**

**“Life and Times in the Year 999” The Washington Post 5/12/99**

1.What was the life expectancy in the Middle Ages? Hypothesize why you think it was so low.

2. What was the most visible difference amongst social classes? What differentiated the peasants from other classes?

3. In the year 999, at what age did a person become a legal adult? Hypothesize why you think it was so low.

4. What was the most influential force in Europe in the year 999? Why (give one reason).

5. How were Islamic and Asian empires different from those in Europe during the same time period? (Give two examples).