The Dark Ages
A History Channel Documentary (Part II)

Directions: Answer the questions below as you follow along with the video. (1.09:45)

1. The date at the start of part II in the documentary is June 8th 793. What force is taking over northern Europe? Where did this force come from?

2. What do churches have to offer outside invaders? (Why was a church the best place to invade?)

3. What happened to Charlemagne’s empire following his death in 814?

4. Who was Ivar the Boneless? What was his goal while rising to power?

5. Explain the Vikings military strategy? (How did they plunder an area?)

6. Who was Alfred the Great? How did he create a new system of defense against the Vikings while defeating them?

7. What was the fate of the Vikings following their terrifying 25+ year torment across Europe? (What happened to the Viking people following the Viking Age?)

8. Was the “Age of Chivalry” as glorious as commercial history often depicts? What happened to knights (soldiers) following the Viking invasions?

9. What were the REAL use behind castles?

10. How did the church try to intervene in redirecting medieval society?

11. What were the Crusades? How many Crusades took place? What ultimately did the Crusades accomplish?