Lesson 4 The Age of Charlemagne

Review Questions

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The New Germanic Kingdoms
   A. The kingdom of the Ostrogoths in ________________ and the kingdom of the Visigoths in ________________ retained the ________________ structure of government.
   B. Clovis established the ________________ kingdom that included modern-day ________________ and ________________.
   C. The Germanic culture emphasized ________________ which was dominated by males who made decisions and offered ________________.
   D. Germanic law punished murder with a fine called the ________________, which the wrongdoer paid to the family of the victim.
   E. Guilt was determined by an ________________, involving a physical trial in which they believed an innocent person would be protected by ________________.

II. The Carolingian Empire
   A. ________________, son of Pepin, was a pious Christian who established the ________________ Empire in western Europe.
   B. Charlemagne maintained his empire through local ________________ and ________________, or messengers of the lord king, who made sure that the counts followed the king’s wishes.
   C. As Charlemagne’s empire grew, he assumed a new title, ________________; he was crowned in the year ________________.
   D. Charlemagne unified the ________________, ________________, and ________________ elements in the Carolingian Empire.
   E. He created an empire that stretched from the North Sea to ________________ in the south, and from ________________ in the west to Vienna.
   F. Charlemagne’s desire to promote ________________ led to an intellectual revival known as the Carolingian ________________. 
Guided Reading Activity Cont.

The Byzantine Empire and Emerging Europe

G. This period of revival took place chiefly in ________________, where monks copied classical ________________ texts; approximately ________________ of these manuscripts survive today.

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How does Germanic culture compare and contrast with Roman culture?

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