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Middle Ages Quiz

1. Which was an important cause of the rise of feudalism in Europe?
 1. increasing power of the Catholic Church
 - ☒ 2. weakness of central government authority
 3. political ideas brought back by the Crusaders
 4. growth of national monarchies
2. The Middle Ages in Western Europe was characterized by
 - ☒ 1. the manor system and the importance of land ownership
 2. absolute monarchies and strong central governments
 3. decreased emphasis on religion in daily life
 4. extensive trade with Asia and the Middle East
3. "The barbarians sacked towns and villages. They burned down the churches and departed with a crowd of captives."
The passage describes conditions in areas of Europe during the 9th century. Which was a result of the conditions it describe?
 1. Treaties with the barbarians eventually led to their withdrawal.
 2. National armies were formed to combat the barbarians.
 3. Nations joined together for collective security.
 - ☒ 4. Individuals surrendered many of their rights to local lords in return for protection.
4. Which was a characteristic of feudalism?
 - ☒ 1. Land was exchanged for military service and obligations.
 2. Government was provided by a bureaucracy of civil servants.
 3. Power rested in the hands of a strong central government.
 4. Unified national court systems were developed.
5. "The...relationship was essentially a contract between lord and vassal which was defined and enforced by mutual agreement...It was assumed that lord and vassal had a common interest: the welfare of the fief." — Sidney Painter

Which political system is described in this quotation?
 1. pure democracy
 2. absolute democracy
 - ☒ 3. feudalism
 4. fascism
6. Which economic system existed in Europe during the early Middle Ages?
 1. free market
 2. socialism
 - ☒ 3. manorialism
 4. command
7. In Europe during the Middle Ages, the force that provided unification and stability was the
 1. central government in Rome
 2. military alliance between France and Germany
 3. federation of the craft guilds
 - ☒ 4. Roman Catholic Church
8. Which statement best describes the role of the Roman Catholic Church in Europe during the Middle Ages?
 1. The Church encouraged individuals to question authority.
 2. Church leaders were involved solely in spiritual activities.
 3. The Church gained influence as the world became more secular.
 - ☒ 4. The Church provided a sense of stability, unity, and order.
9. The Roman Catholic Church of the Middle Ages has been compared to a modern-day government because the Church
 - ☒ 1. employed artists who might otherwise have starved
 2. was responsible for providing many services needed by the people
 3. insisted on the importance of religion in bringing order to society
 4. provided for regularly held elections to select members of legislative bodies