

# MEDIEVAL EUROPE TIMELINE

**Early Middle Ages** c. 500 - 1000 CE

476

## **Fall of the Western Roman Empire**

Traditional date for the end of antiquity and the beginning of the Middle Ages.

800

## **Coronation of Charlemagne**

Charlemagne is crowned Emperor of the Romans, marking the rise of the Carolingian Empire.

1066

## **Battle of Hastings**

William the Conqueror leads the Norman conquest of England.

**High Middle Ages** c. 1000 - 1300 CE

1095

## **First Crusade Launched**

Pope Urban II calls for the liberation of the Holy Land.

1215

## **Magna Carta Signed**

King John of England signs the charter, establishing the principle that the king is not above the law.

1270

## **The Rise of Gothic Architecture**

Peak period for the construction of great cathedrals like Notre-Dame de Paris.

**Late Middle Ages** c. 1300 - 1500 CE

1347

## **The Black Death**

The bubonic plague enters Europe, eventually killing nearly one-third of the population.

1453

## **Fall of Constantinople**

The Ottoman Empire captures the Byzantine capital, often cited as the end of the Middle Ages.

1455

## **Gutenberg Bible**

The first major book printed using mass-produced movable metal type in Europe.