

# LATE MEDIEVAL EUROPE

*Timeline 1300 - 1500*

**1337**

**Hundred Years' War Begins** Conflict ignites between the House of Plantagenet and the House of Valois over the French throne.

**1347**

**The Black Death Arrives** The bubonic plague enters Europe via Sicily, eventually decimating 30-60% of the population.

**1378**

**The Western Schism** The Catholic Church splits as rival popes emerge in Rome and Avignon.

**1440**

**The Printing Press** Johannes Gutenberg invents movable type, sparking a revolution in literacy and information.

**1453**

**Fall of Constantinople** The Ottoman Empire captures the Byzantine capital, marking the end of the Roman legacy in the East.

**1492**

**The Reconquista Ends / Voyage of Columbus** The fall of Granada completes Spanish unification; transatlantic exploration begins.