

# MEDIEVAL WARFARE TIMELINE

Major Military Transformations & Conflicts (476 - 1453)

**476 - 800**

## **Early Middle Ages**

Migration period warfare; rise of heavy infantry and the Frankish Comitatus system.

**732**

## **Battle of Tours**

Charles Martel halts Umayyad expansion; pivotal shift toward feudal cavalry mandates.

**1066**

## **The Norman Conquest**

Battle of Hastings; definitive integration of shock cavalry and archers in Western tactics.

**1095 - 1291**

## **The Crusades**

Era of monumental castle building (Krak des Chevaliers) and rise of Military Orders.

**1337 - 1453**

## **The Hundred Years' War**

Transition from knightly dominance to the English Longbow and early gunpowder artillery.

**1415**

## **Battle of Agincourt**

Massed longbowmen defeat heavy plate cavalry, signaling the decline of traditional chivalric combat.

**1453**

## **Fall of Constantinople**

The decisive use of heavy cannons marks the end of the medieval era and the castle's supremacy.