The Reign of Charlemagne (768-814)

A. Charlemagne’s Military

1. What were Charlemagne’s goals when he became king of the Franks?

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2. What evidence is there that he accomplished his goals?

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3. Why could the Frankish military help him accomplish these goals?

4. How effective of a military leader was Charlemagne? Place an X of how effective he was and below explain why you rated him how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective

D. Charlemagne’s Government

1. What role did the Church have in people’s lives after the fall of Rome? Why and how would Charlemagne use the church in his government?

2. Describe how Charlemagne’s government operated. Are there any strengths to this model? Weaknesses?

Charlemagne:

Counts:

Minstrels and Informants:

3. How effective of a government leader was Charlemagne? Place an X of how effective he was and below explain why you rated him how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective

C. Charlemagne and the Church

1. What changes did Charlemagne make the Church in his lands? Why would this be important to him?

2. Describe the interactions between Charlemagne and the Pope.

How effective of a religious leader was Charlemagne? Place an X of how effective he was and below explain why you rated him how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective

B. Charlemagne and Culture

1. In what ways did Charlemagne promote culture in his empire?

2. Why would Charlemagne see the promotion of culture and learning as important for his empire?

How effective was Charlemagne at improving/preserving the culture of his empire? Place an X of how effective he was and below explain why you rated him how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective

E. Charlemagne and Non-Christians

1. How did Charlemagne treat pagans in his empire?

2. How did Charlemagne treat Jews in his empire?

3. What roles did Jews have in Christian lands during Charlemagne’s rule and after?

How effective of a leader was Charlemagne in his treatment of non-Christians in his empire? Place an X of how effective he was and below explain why you rated him how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective

F. After Charlemagne

1. What problems did Charlemagne face in his later years?

2. How did his successors handle the responsibility of ruling Charlemagne’s empire?

How effective at ruling were the successors of Charlemagne? Place an X of how effective they were and below explain why you rated them how you did.

Very Effective

Not Effective