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Medieval Europe Geography Challenge

For each question, label the map as directed, then answer the question in the space provided. Be sure to restate the question in your answer and use complete sentences.

Question 1

- Label the continent of Asia.
- What continent is located south of Europe?

Question 2

- Label the Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and Black Sea. Color them blue.
- In what ways might these bodies of water have influenced life in medieval Europe?

Question 3

- Label the Seine, Thames, and Danube Rivers. Trace them in blue.
- Why do you think large medieval cities were located along rivers?

Question 4

- Label the Pyrenees, Alps, and Carpathian Mountains. Shade these brown.
- What effect do you think these mountains had on life in medieval Europe?

Question 5

- Label England, France, the Papal States, the Holy Roman Empire, and the Byzantine Empire. Color each of these a different color (not brown or blue).
- Each of these areas had a different leader. Why do you think Europe had no single government during the Middle Ages?

Question 6

- Label the cities of Constantinople, Hamburg, London, Paris, and Rome.
- What is common about the locations of all these cities? How might that have affected life in medieval Europe?

Question 7

- Medieval farmers used plows to break up the soil in the “humid oceanic” climate zone. They rotated their crops (ex: planting wheat or rye in the fall, oats or barley in the spring). What does this tell you about the climate AND soil in this zone?

Question 8

- In the “subtropical dry summer” climate zone, medieval farmers were able to grow a host of crops, such as wheat, olive trees, and wine grapes. What does this tell you about the climate AND soil in this zone?

