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(very small kingdoms, personal rule)

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= manufacturing dies out

(opposite the Arabs despite starting at same place)

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732 = Charles Martel defeats Moors @ Tours.

- = catholic europe survives Islamic invasion
 - = begins Reconquista in Spain (...1492)
(Song of Roland = defeat)
 - = Frankish king = most important in W.Eur.

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3. regrowth trade + culture
 - (monasteries, architecture (romanesque), italy - mostly)

4. christianity (roman catholicism w/ pope)
 - vs germanic pagans + orthodox Byz./Slavs

 - = invention Western Europe = no reunited Rm Emp./ Europe



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as long as nothing bad happens

= NEW UNITED CHRISTIAN ROMAN EMPIRE! PEACE!

= Everyone's Catholic, French, likes Mimes, and smokes very sexy.





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Vikings and the Making of the Medieval World





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Charlemagne's Empire – Europe Unified Again?



Nah.

Charlemagne's grandsons broke the empire apart

totally unprepared for.....

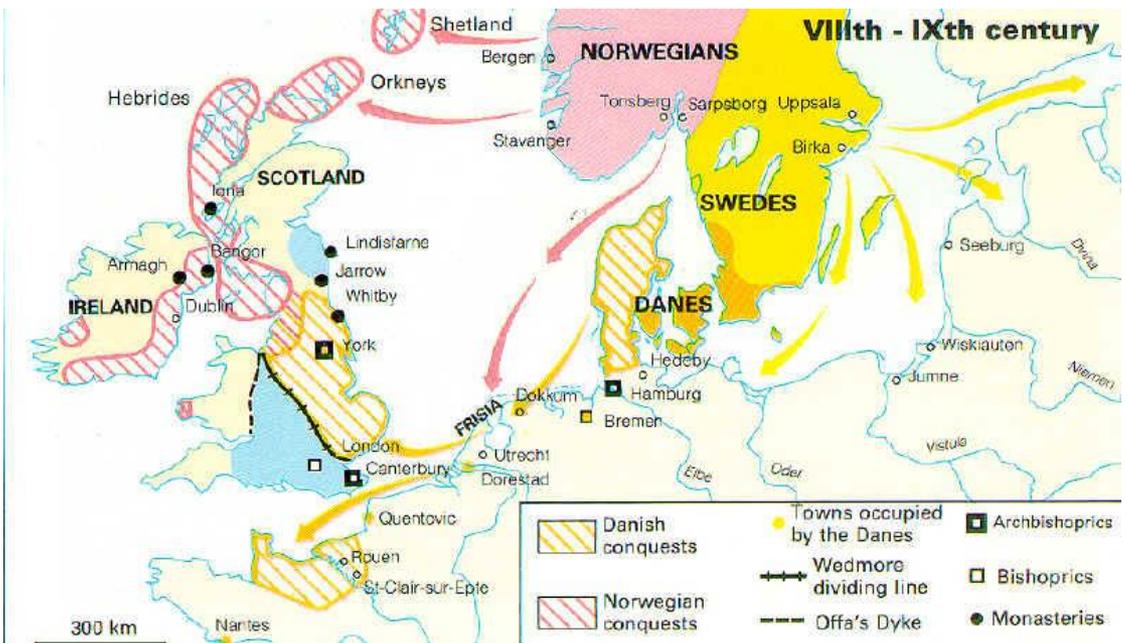


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goths wrecked rome

vikings wrecked HRE

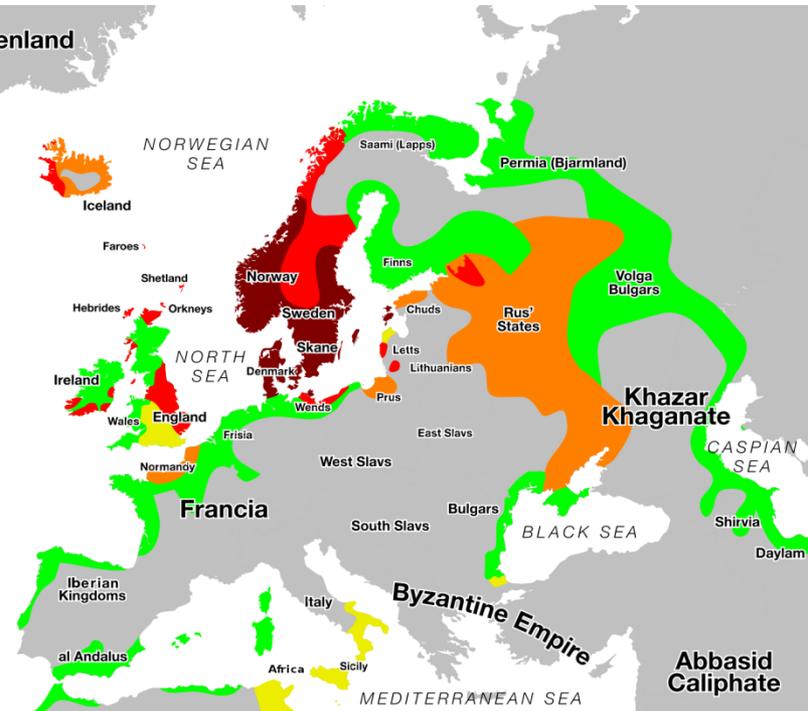
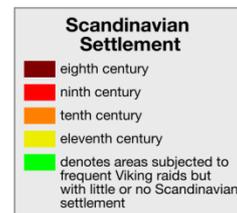
Swede-Finns in 1600s wrecked
catholic germany and poland



Danes and Norwegians
go
West
vs England, Ireland, France



Swedes-Finns go East
create "Rus"
connect Baltic to Black Seas



Why Leave?

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No one knows.

Revenge for Charlemagne?

Climate Change / too high population

= Less Food = Sea Nomads on the Move.

Longboats = troop transport. 50 men/women raiders

Knorr = long range trading ships.

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mobility = low draft + rowers = go up rivers
= attack / trade interiors
= light enough to be carried/rolled to other rivers (Rus)



= vikings

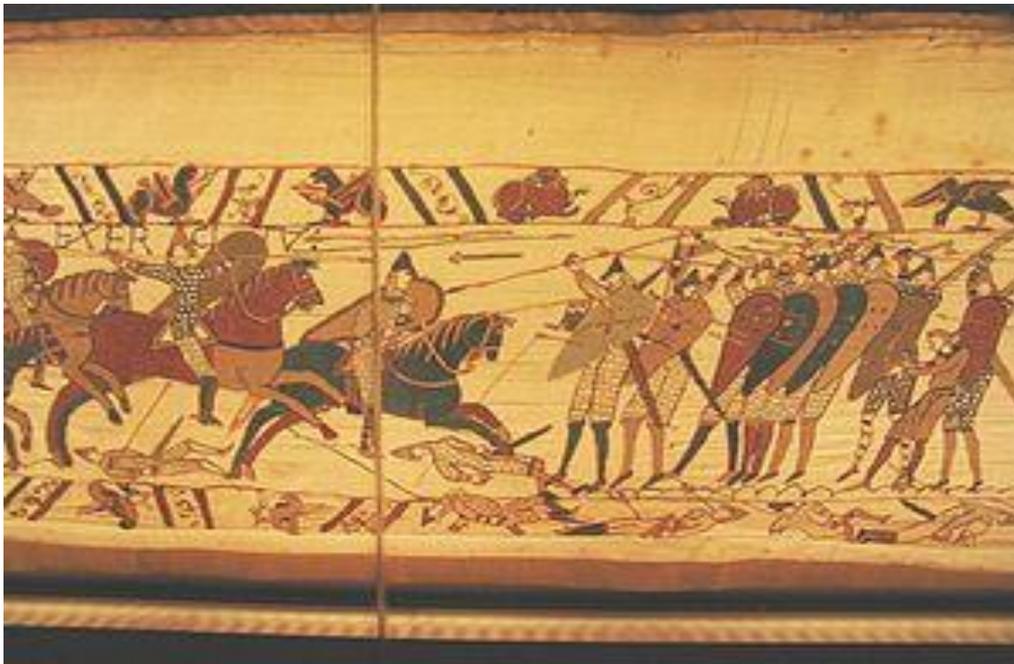
= all men are warriors vs farmers of France/England/Italy

= better armed than Slavs of eastern europe

= similar armed to Frankish Army (Vik more mobile)

= worse armed than Caliphate and Byzantine armies

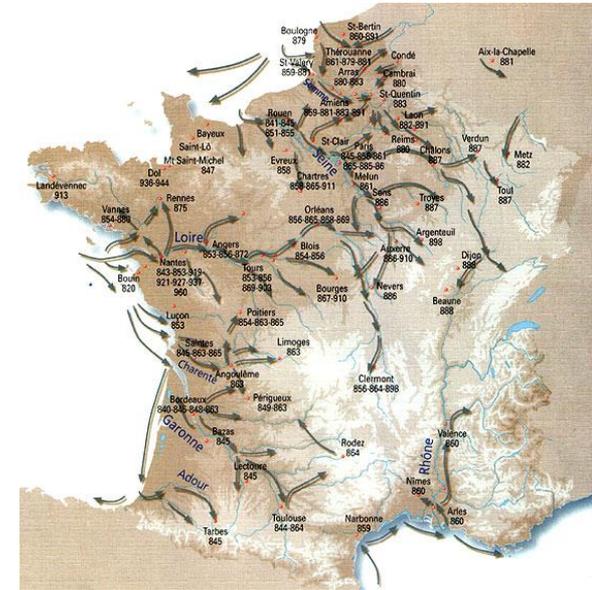
+ Normans adapt to horses = land mobility (see Crusades!)



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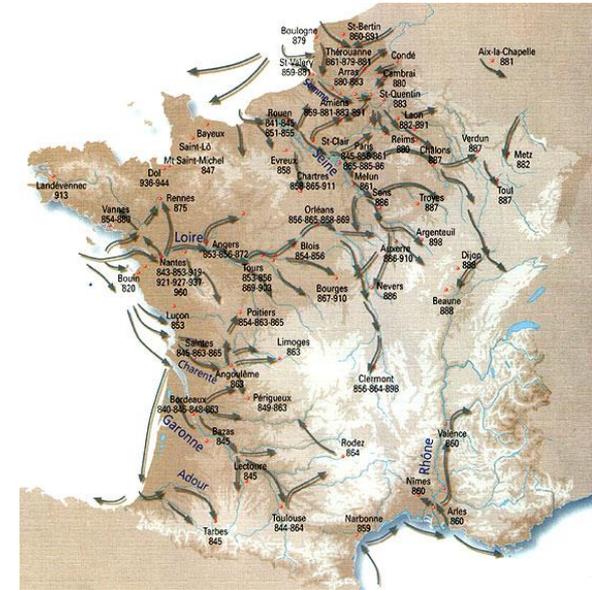
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 - = give land to Vikings for protection (Normans)



= Smash 4/5 Anglo-Saxon kingdoms

= Aerthelred (the Unreedy = Unready) 871.



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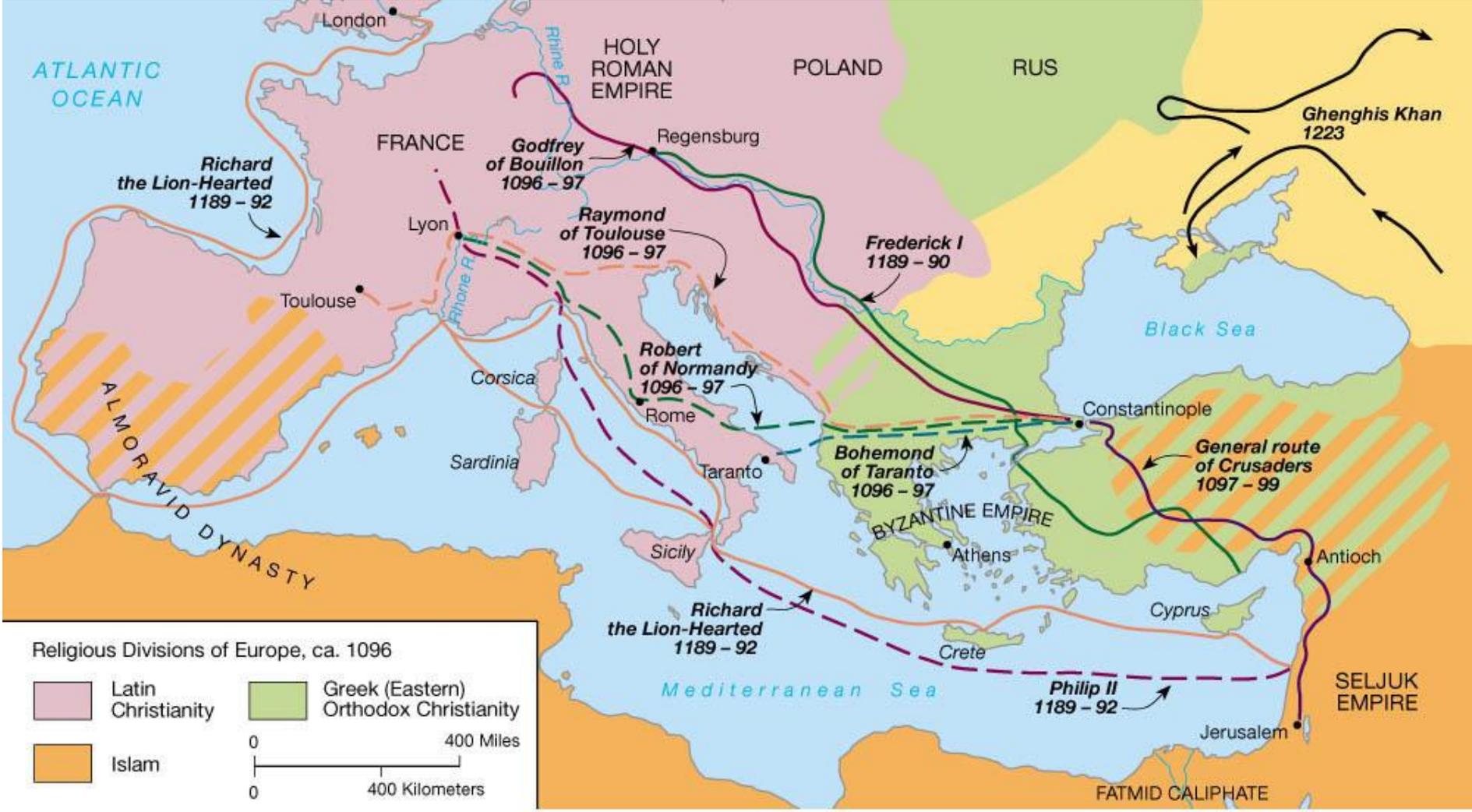
3. Icelandic Poets ROCK! = poetic tales become the “chronicles” of famous men/women/deeds
= Beowulf = (start of english literature)
= Tyr, Oden, Thor, Freya (days of the week) + Hell (Gehenna)
= replace Christian priests – for a time as main storytellers



Crusades 1080 - 1300

1. Holy war to recapture Jerusalem
2. indulgence for warriors
3. violent outlet for those without \$, land, title
who wanted to get rich and/or kill ppl

(Why? Stop Christians from fighting, help Byz., make pope more important)



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Saladin captures jerusalem, turns it holy for Islam

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3rd Crusade = English, French kings fought each oth.
= failure!

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4th Crusade = attacks Constantinople not Arabs! (1204)

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Crusades 5->8 = just stupid.....



Results

1. islamic states convert non-muslims

= middle east = muslim (85% christian before, 2% after)

= Big winner eventually the Turks not the Arabs (1517)

= why?

MONGOLS! (1258 = sack Baghdad)



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2. Byz. Empire = weaker and abandoned by west

= no union between catholics / orthodox

= no unity of Europe (divided W/E) = no remade roman emp.

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= kings need money = taxes = soldiers + armaments

= boss lords around (esp. w/ cannon) = centralized kingdoms

= more more warfare vs lords + other Kings!

= need more money = more centralized power = more taxes =

England, France, Spain, Germany

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4. venice and genoa

= get rich on transport + trade = navies

= replace Constantinople

= invest \$ in knowledge

= Italian Renaissance!

