

Decline of Feudalism Study Guide

1. Why did the Crusades begin? (Hint: Use POPE URBAN in your answer)

Pope Urban asked the Christians in the west to help fight the Muslims to get the holy land back. (Jerusalem).

2. What was the purpose of the Crusades?

Take back the Holy land from the Muslims.

3. Why was Jerusalem holy to Christians, Muslims, and Jews?

Christians- Jesus was crucified at Jerusalem.

Muslims- Muhammad rose to heaven which Muhammad is the prophet.

Jews- Seen as the capital of the jews.

4. What were two effects of the Crusades that led to the decline of feudal society?

1. **The king's power decreased**

2. **Europeans were introduced to new ideas and goods.**

5. What was the *Magna Carta* and how did it change English government?

A document signed by king John. This document limited the king and queen's power and increased the rights of the nobles.

6. Explain the purpose of the Model Parliament.

A government body that makes laws for England, this body included nobles and common people.

7. Who gained power because of political changes in England that led to the decline of feudal society?

Common people and the nobles.

8. What was a big reason why the Bubonic Plague spread to Europe?

Rats would carry the disease from Asia to Europe traveling and trade

9. What were two effects of the plague that led to the decline of feudal society?

1. **The lower class died leading to the lack of workers.**
2. **The peasants wanted more rights and money.**

10. What military advancement did the English have that helped them to win early battles in the Hundred Years' War?

Long Bow

11. How was Joan of Arc able to help the French defeat the English?

She said she heard voices from the saints telling her to help France against England. Joan of Arc was able to unite the people of France and help them to win the war.

12. What were two effects of the Hundred Years' War that led to the decline of feudal society?

1. **Power shifted from the nobles to the monarchs and common people.**
2. **Knights and castles became less important because of new military technology like the longbow and the cannon.**

Extended Response:

13. Choose which event you feel had the biggest effect on the end of feudal society in western Europe: **Crusades, Magna Carta, Bubonic Plague, Hundred Years' War**

After making your choice, include **three** details to support your decision. (4 pts.)