

**SHORT ANSWER**

Take 10 minutes to answer these questions.

- 1-2. Give two reasons why towns and trade almost ceased to function during the Middle Ages.
3. As the \_\_\_\_\_ system provided food and stability for a large percentage of Europe, and as the \_\_\_\_\_ reawakened interest in Palestine and the Near East, trade and commerce were revived from north to south in Europe.
4. What powerful new social class emerged as towns were built?
5. What were guilds?
6. Briefly describe the three stages through which a craftsman could progress in his trade.
7. What is usury, and why was it illegal during the Middle Ages?
8. Europe moved slowly but surely from a land-based economy to a \_\_\_\_\_ economy.
- 9-10. Name two privileges granted to members of developing towns, which directly impacted the weakening of the feudal system.

**ESSAY QUESTION**

Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. Detail the ways that the growth and expansion of towns and trade affected feudal and manorial practices, government structure, and the ordering of society in the High Middle Ages.
2. “Guilds were a crucial part of a craftsman’s life during the High Middle Ages.” With facts derived from your studies, support this statement by explaining the purposes of a guild, the power its members exercised, and how it would potentially benefit a craftsman who joined it.