**Middle Ages- Reading and Questions**

1. **The Byzantine Empire**
   1. Draw a timeline below and include and label the following dates from the reading and the event taking place at that date. **300s; 395; 476; 527; 1054; 1350**
   2. *Contrasting*- What cultural factors separated the Byzantine Empire from western Europe?
2. **Feudalism in Europe**
   1. Synthesizing- What caused the start of feudalism in Europe? How did invasions contribute to the beginnings of the feudal system?
   2. Draw and label the pyramid of *feudalism* below.
3. **The Age of Chivalry**
   1. What were the responsibilities of a knight during the Middle Ages? Write in complete sentences.
   2. What was the position of women during the Middle Ages? What were their responsibilities?
4. **The Power of the Church**
   1. Why are the “Middle Ages” sometimes also knows as the “Age of Faith?” What made the Church so powerful during this time?
   2. The Church had the power to *excommunicate*? What does this mean and why was it so feared by both people and rulers?
5. **Church Reform and the Crusades**
   1. Who commanded the first crusade and what was the goal?
   2. What were the effects of the Crusades?