

Chapter 10 - Medieval Europe***The Age of Chivalry***

- **Code of chivalry** - a code of behaviors that combined Christian values and the virtues of a noble warrior.
- The knighted warrior is expected to be brave, generous, and legal: to protect noblewomen: and to defend the honor of his family.
- During the early medieval period living conditions were quite primitive and basic necessities hard to come by for the average person.

The Lands of Western Europe

- Crops do not grow year round.
- Fertile soil and more rainfall lead to a wider variety of crops being grown = more abundant harvests.
- Europe has numerous rivers = advantage
- Many rivers become important routes for commerce.
- The three key waterways are the Rhine, the Danube and the Volga.
- Mountain ranges (the Alps and Pyrenees) tended to keep communities separated which helped to create many different cultures and languages.
- Varied climate - ranging from mild temperatures year round in the south to extreme cold in the far north.
- Valuable resources of the region include timber, furs, and tin

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