Dark Ages Webquest: Charlemagne

*Directions: Type in the following address:* <http://www.route-charlemagne.eu/Charlemagne/index.html> *Make sure to click on the English version (EN). Read from the website and answer the following questions in complete sentences if needed:*

1. Charlemagne lived between the years \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AD.
2. What royal titles did he receive in his lifetime?



1. What physical regions of Europe did Charlemagne rule over? From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. One of Charlemagne’s most important palaces was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What other world powers did Charlemagne have political relationships with?
4. Why was Charlemagne’s palace in Aachen so important?
5. What reforms by Charlemagne helped stabilize and standardize Western Europe?
6. Why was St. Mary's Church built by Charlemagne still important after his death?
7. After his death Charlemagne was glorified as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. What modern nations did Charlemagne help develop?



1. **Click on Charlemagne the Unknown** **–** Do historians have a good idea of what Charlemagne looked like?
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became the official currency of the Franconian Empire.
3. How did Charlemagne’s biographer Einhard describe the physical attributes of Charlemagne?
4. **Click on Charlemagne the King** **–** Who was Charlemagne’s father?
5. How did Charlemagne become the sole ruler of the Franconians?
6. Why did Charlemagne want to reform his empire?
7. **Click on Charlemagne the Saint –** Charlemagne helped to spread the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religion throughout Europe.
8. Why was Charlemagne not canonized in 1000 A.D?
9. Charlemagne was canonized in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. **Click on Charlemagne the Cruel –** Charlemagne waged war on the Saxons for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.
11. Charlemagne forced his defeated enemies to convert to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religion.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Saxons were supposedly executed during the “Massacre of Verdun.”
13. **Click on Charlemagne the Ideal –** Charlemagne died on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Why do you think Charlemagne became more myth than man following his death?
15. **Click on Charlemagne the Father –** Charlemagne had approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kids and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wives during his lifetime.
16. What was Charlemagne like as a father?
17. What happened to half of Charlemagne’s children before he died?
18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the son who took over Charlemagne’s rule after he died.
19. **Click on Charlemagne the Cosmopolitan –** What were the seven disciplines of the ancient science?



1. List two of the many of the academic skills that Charlemagne had.



1. Who was Harun al Rashid?
2. What gifts did Harun al Rashid give Charlemagne?
3. **Click on Charlemagne the Civic –** List some of the European cities that consider Charlemagne to be the creator of their city?



1. Why do you think Charlemagne became the symbol of the Catholic Counter Reformation?
2. **Click on Charlemagne the Bather –** Why did Charlemagne enjoy Aachen so much?
3. Why did Charlemagne rarely leave Aachen during the last four years of his rule?
4. **Click on Charlemagne the Transfigured –** How have European countries reinterpreted Charlemagne’s rule over the years for their own benefit?
5. **Click on Charlemagne the European –** Why do you think Charlemagne is seen as a key figure in European history?
6. **Click on Charlemagne the Digital –** Why do you think the Catholic Church no longer acknowledges Charlemagne as a saint?
7. What grade would you give Charlemagne for his impact on Europe?

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Please explain your grade below:

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