Guided Reading Activity

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Western Europe

Lesson 2 *History of Western Europe*

Essential Question: Why do civilizations rise and fall?

History of the Region Through 1800

Directions: Use your textbook to decide if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it correctly.

_____ **1.** As the population of Western Europe grew and towns developed, people began to make tools from bronze.

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_____ **2.** By A.D. 14, all of Western Europe was under Roman control.

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_____ **3.** Christianity began in the Empire and had spread throughout most of Western Europe by the time the western empire fell in A.D. 476.

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_____ **4.** Feudalism arose to bring order in a region with no strong governments.

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_____ **5.** The crusades were fights between European kings and noblemen who didn't agree about religion.

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_____ **6.** Some crusaders returned home with new ideas about a more modern world they had seen in the east.

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_____ **7.** In the 1500s, some people, like Martin Luther, started to question the power and wealth of the Roman Catholic Church.

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_____ **8.** The Enlightenment was a time when people began to rely on religion to explain the natural world.

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_____ **9.** In the late 1700s, everyone in France believed that the government's power should come from the people, not the king.

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_____ **10.** In 1799 Napoleon Bonaparte took control of France and used his army to bring much of Europe under French control.

Change and Conflict

> **Directions:** Answer the following questions about key events in Western Europe during the 1800s and 1900s.

1. What big change took place in Western Europe in the 1800s? _____

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2. What factors led to World War I? _____

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3. What did Hitler use to build power during the time between World War I and World War II? _____

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4. What was the Holocaust? _____

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5. Who were the leading world powers following World War II? _____

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