WHAT ROLES DID THE CHURCH AND MONASTERIES PLAY IN THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE?

7.37 Examine the spread of Christianity north of the Alps and the roles played by the early church and by monasteries in its diffusion after the fall of the western half of the Roman Empire. (C, G, H)
ACTIVATOR:

As Buddhism gained popularity in India, Buddhist monasteries were built. Predict how this would relate to the spread of Christianity in Medieval Europe.
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<th>Term</th>
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<td>monastery</td>
<td>A secluded community where men called monks focus on prayer and scripture</td>
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<td>convent</td>
<td>A religious community for women called nuns</td>
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<td>convert</td>
<td>To change from one belief system to another</td>
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<td>Christendom</td>
<td>The large community of Christians spread throughout the world</td>
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Christianity Spreads to Northern Europe
CHRISTIAN EUROPEAN SOCIETY

When Rome fell in late 400s, Christianity was mostly confined to southern Europe

• By about 600, Christianity had spread northward into other parts of continent

• Conversion of Anglo-Saxons, Franks helped make western Europe into largely Christian society

• Following fall of Rome, Christianity appealed to many Europeans
  – Period known as Middle Ages, or medieval times
  – Many people’s lives filled with doubt, suffering hardship
  – Christianity offered comfort, promise of happy afterlife, sense of community
VIDEO TIME...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqeiy_ZvF

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PAIR SHARE

• 1’S EXPLAIN TO 2’S WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOWED CHRISTIANITY TO BECOME SUCH A POPULAR RELIGION.

• 2’S TELL 1’S , ACCORDING TO THE VIDEO, THE 2 MAJOR MEN THAT HELPED THIS SPREAD.
MISSIONARIES

• THE POPE SENT MISSIONARIES INTO NORTHERN EUROPE TO SPREAD CHRISTIANITY.

• MISSIONARIES ARE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO CONVERT OTHERS TO A PARTICULAR RELIGION.
There is a special day named after a missionary from Ireland. See if you can guess what it is.

- HINTS:
  - It involves pinching.
  - You are to wear green.
  - It is during the month of March.
  - It is of Irish origin.
SAINT PATRICK

- SAINT PATRICK WAS A MISSIONARY WHO HELPED CONVERT THE IRISH TO CHRISTIANITY.
- ACCORDING TO LEGEND, HE WON FAVOR WITH THE IRISH BY DRIVING ALL OF THE SNAKES IN IRELAND INTO THE SEA.
PATRICK

• WENT TO IRELAND IN 400S; FACED OPPOSITION, HOSTILITY, BUT CONTINUED TO PREACH

• AT TIME OF DEATH AROUND 460, NEARLY ALL IRELAND WAS CHRISTIAN

• THROUGH MISSIONARY WORK, CHRISTIAN SOCIETY, CHRISTENDOM, LINKED MOST WESTERN EUROPE
SPREADING CHRISTIANITY

MISSIONARIES

• APPEAL OF CHRISTIANITY LED MANY EUROPEANS TO WANT TO SHARE BELIEFS WITH OTHERS

• SOME BECAME MISSIONARIES, PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL TO SPREAD THEIR RELIGION

• IN ADDITION TO PATRICK, MANY OTHERS WENT TO NEW LANDS TO SPREAD CHRISTIAN BELIEFS
MONKS

- MONKS SPREAD CHRISTIANITY, BUT UNLIKE MISSIONARIES, THEY DID NOT TRAVEL.
- THEY SPENT THEIR TIME IN PRAYER, WORK, AND MEDITATION.
MONASTERIES

- MONKS LIVED APART FROM SOCIETY IN MONASTERIES.

- THE MONKS HAD TO FOLLOW RULES THAT TOLD THEM HOW TO DRESS AND WHAT TO EAT. READ PAGE 260 IN YOUR TEXT!
BENEDICTINE MONKS

BENEDICTINE MONASTICISM MADE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO EUROPE

• MONKS RAN SCHOOLS THAT TRAINED SOME OF FINEST MINDS OF MIDDLE AGES

• COPIED ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS, HELPED PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE OF GREECE, ROME

• MONASTERIES BECAME CENTERS OF WEALTH, POWER
  – KINGS, NOBLES DONATED MONEY, GIFTS IN EXCHANGE FOR PRAYERS SAID ON THEIR BEHALF
  – AS THEY BECAME WEALTHIER, MONASTERIES DRAWN INTO LOCAL POLITICS
  – MANY MONKS ACTED AS ADVISERS, AIDES TO LOCAL, NATIONAL RULERS IN EUROPE
BENEDICTINE RULE

• BENEDICT’S RULE, COLLECTION OF GUIDELINES FOR MONKS, CALLED **BENEDICTINE RULE**

• BASED ON DAILY SCHEDULE; COMBINATION OF PRAYER, LABOR

• ORGANIZATION OF BENEDICTINE ORDER
  – EACH MONASTERY A DISTINCT ENTITY
  – NO CENTRAL AUTHORITY
  – EACH RUN BY ABBOT CHOSEN BY MONKS, OR LOCAL NOBLE
Quick Write: In a short summary

What contributions did monks make to Europe?
Answer(s): Ran schools, preserved the knowledge of Greece and Rome, served as advisers and aides to European rulers.
FAST FIVE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON YOUR DRY ERASE BOARDS!
RELIGIOUS MEN WHO LIVED APART FROM SOCIETY IN ISOLATED COMMUNITIES WERE???

- PRIESTS
- MONKS
- MONASTERIES
- MINISTERS
One of the first missionaries to travel to northern Europe and took it upon himself to teach people about Christianity was ???

- Saint Benedict
- Saint Patrick
- Saint Peter
- Saint Paul
Monks live in communities called:

- Churches
- Cathedrals
- Monasteries
- Castles
An Italian monk who created a set of rules that most European monasteries followed was???

- Saint Peter
- Saint Paul
- Saint Benedict
- Saint Patrick
Another name for the Middle Ages is???

- Medieval Period
- Unimportant Period
- Post Rome Period
- Ancient History
3, 2, 1...

3: 3 ways that monks were instrumental in the spread of Christianity

2: 2 reasons that Christianity spread after the fall of the Roman Empire

1: 1 reason that Christianity was appealing to Europeans during this period