Fall of the Roman Empire Causes the Middle\Dark Ages

1. No army to protect trade, people, and government
2. No unifying\common law to protect the people –lawlessness and chaos
3. No unifying government to create and enforce laws

Role of the Catholic Church

1. Bible\10 Commandments – law
2. Church Hierarchy– government\coronations\Christendom
3. Masses – festivals, economy, and social gathering
4. Priests – educated\education, lawyers, teachers, and doctors
5. Monasteries – social welfare
6. Priests – record keepers (birth, marriage, and death)
7. Church Doctrine – rules on warfare
8. Church Bank - $$$$$

Life in the Middle\Dark Ages 450-1400

* Between two great time periods Rome\Greece and the Renaissance
* No progress
* No large cities
* Struggle to survive
* Self Sufficient
* No nation states until much later
* Warring kingdoms for power
* Feudalism
  + Lord
  + Vassal
  + Fief
  + Knights
  + Serfs
  + Peasants
* Crusades
* 1. Kingdom of Heaven
* 2. Bailan
* 3. Godfrey of Ibelin
* King Baldwin
* Saladin