APWH – Reading Guide Era 3 - Period 3 – An Age of Accelerating Connections 600- 1450 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 10 European Christendom, 500-1300 Per:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Chapter Learning Targets & Key terms to know** |
| **● Explain the changes that occur in European society after the breakup of the Roman Empire** | **Aristotle and classical Greek learning** |
| **● Compare the diverse legacies of Rome in Western Europe and the Byzantine Empire** | **Byzantine Empire** |
| **● Describe medieval European expansion and analyze the factors that led to its development** | **Eastern Orthodox vs. Roman Catholic Christianity** |
| **● Analyze the evolution of Europe from backward medieval Europe relative to other civilizations, and the steps by which it caught up** | **Vikings** |

1. How was the Byzantine Empire different from, AND similar to, the Roman Empire?

**The Byzantine Church and Christian Divergence**

1. How did Eastern Orthodox Christianity differ from Roman Catholicism?

**The Conversion of Russia**

1. How did links to Byzantium transform the new civilization of Kievan Rus?

**Political life in Western Europe, 500-1000**

1. How did the decline of Rome affect the European West during the post-classical era?

**Society and the Church, 500-1000**

1. Describe feudalism.
2. What is the difference between slaves and serfs?
3. Describe how the church was organized and how it increased its influence over society.
4. How did the “missionary’ process of Christianity compare with Buddhism’s process?

**Europe Outward Bound: The Crusading tradition**

1. What were the Crusades?
2. What was the impact of the Crusades in world history?

**The West in Comparative Perspective – Catching Up**

1. In what ways was the West less developed than Byzantium, China, India and the Islamic World?
2. In what things did Europe’s willingness to “borrow” from abroad help shape their civilization after 1000?

**Pluralism in Politics**

1. Why was Europe unable to achieve the kind of political unity that China experienced? What impact did this have on the subsequent history of Europe?

**Big Picture Questions**

1. How does the history of the Christian world in the post-classical era compare with that of Tang and Song dynasty China?