Studying for the Exam

1. **How to study? 🡪 see the syllabus & various handouts/website (or talk to me)**
2. **What to study? 🡪 see below for textbook readings**

Think about the **broad themes** of each chapter & section. How does the material presented **illustrate** these broad themes? How & why did the Early Middle Ages become the Central Middle Ages? What were the major developments of the Central Middle Ages (e.g., political, economic, social, religious, intellectual, etc.) that helped define European society? For example, how did the church & state(s) develop? What were the relations between religious leaders and secular leaders? Where does the term "medieval" come from & why can it be a misleading term? Remember that your textbook is NOT just a collection or list of random facts, it is an organized INTERPRETATION of selected facts that comprise a larger historical argument. This is the model to use for writing good essays.

**Ch. 9 From Centralization to Fragmentation, 750-1050**

 The Carolingian Empire [287-297]

 After the Carolingians: The Emergence of Local Rule [297-306]

**Ch. 10 Commercial Quickening & Religious Reform, 1050-1150**

 The Commercial Revolution [312-319]

 Church Reform [319-329]

 The Crusades [329-335]

 The Revival of Monarchies [335-341]

**Ch. 11 Flowering of the Middle Ages, 1150-1215**

 New Schools and Churches [346-354]

Governments as Institutions [354-366]

 The Growth of a Vernacular High Culture [366-369]

 Religious Fervor & Crusade [369-376]

**Ch. 12 Medieval Search for Order, 1215-1340**

The Church’s Mission [382-388]

 Medieval Synthesis [388-395]

 The Politics of Control [396-405] **OMIT**

Here's what you need for the exam: **good** **notes, pen, exam book**. Open notes will only help if you do not spend most of the exam looking at them. You will need to ***manage time wisely*** and have ***well-organized* notes**. Students who rely too heavily on notes will run out of time. Remember: the time-constraint is part of the exercise.

Finally, remember that if you need help or have any questions to be sure and ask me. I am more than willing to help any student with study skills or course content, but ultimately students must put in the effort and seek assistance.

**Exam Format**

**SECTION POINTS TIME (Approx.)**

Multiple Choice 50 points (50 questions, via TALON) 120 min. (**outside class**)

Identifications 30 points (10-12 listed, pick **THREE**) 25-30 minutes

Quotations 20 points (5-6 listed, pick **TWO**) 16-20 minutes

 100 points