



## UNIT 20 – Feudalism & Legends

### ☐ Lesson A: Medieval Plays

- Review the “Overview” (Handbook) to understand philosophy and ideas behind this week’s lesson.
- Read these (required)
  - “Creation of Adam and Eve” play (can be found in the lesson.)

### ☐ Activity A: Map Activity

- With your student, review the map activity and then have your student complete the activity.

### ☐ Activity B: Timeline

- With your student, review the timeline of important events and people in the unit and have your student complete the timeline activity.

## Lesson A ~ Medieval Plays

### Materials Needed:

- Paper for students
- Pencils for students
- 1 copy of “Creation of Adam and Eve” per student
- 1 Planning Sheet per student (Below)

### Lesson Goals:

- That students relate to the humanity of past peoples through a specific topic – Patience
- That students understand that all people through all time have choice and can choose to be right with God. What are the consequences of sin? What are the rewards for obedience?
- That students learn the basic structure and themes of medieval plays.

### In Class:

Let students do most of the talking and jump in when a correction needs to be made. Do not hesitate to call upon students who are less eager to talk.

- Read aloud the play “The Creation of Adam and Eve” with an assistant or two.
- Discuss the play.
- Look at the Planning Sheet.
- Instruct students to form groups of 2-3 to brainstorm a play about Adam and Eve in modern language.
- Ask students to write their plays over the week and be ready to perform them at the next co-op meeting.



# Planning Sheet

Planning a Medieval Play about Adam and Eve:

Characters:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting:

Problem:

The Miracle:

Begin the first draft:

## “The Creation of Adam and Eve” From the York Pageant of Cardmakers

GOD

In heaven and earth duly bedene  
Of five days' work, even unto the end,  
I have completed by courses clean;  
Methinketh the space of them well spent.

In heaven are angels fair and bright,  
Stars and planets their courses to go;  
The moon serves unto the night,  
The sun to light the day also.

In earth are trees and grass to spring;  
Beasts and fowls both great and small,  
Fishes in flood, all other thing,  
Thrive and have my blessing, all.

This work is wrought now at my will,  
But yet can I here no beast see  
That accords by kindly skill,  
And for my work might worship me.

For perfect work ne were there none  
But aught were made that might it yeme;  
For lof made I this world alone,  
Therefore my lof shall in it seem.

To keep this world, both more and less,  
A skilful beast then will I make  
After my shape and my likeness,  
The which shall worship to me take.

Of the simplest part of earth that is here  
I shall make man, and for this skill:  
For to abate this haughty cheer,  
Both his great pride and other ill;

And also for to have in mind  
How simple he is at his making,  
For as feeble I shall him find  
When he is dead, at his ending.

For this reason and skill alone,

I shall make man like unto me.  
Rise up, thou earth, in blood and bone,  
In shape of man, I command thee!

A female shalt thou have to fere;  
Her shall I make of thy left rib,  
Alone so shalt thou not be here,  
Without faithful friend and sib.

Take now here the ghost of life,  
And receive both your souls of me;  
This female take thou to thy wife:  
Adam and Eve your names shall be.

ADAM

Ah, Lord, full mickle is thy might,  
And that is seen in ilka side;  
For now is here a joyful sight,  
To see this world so long and wide.

Many diverse things now here is,  
Of beasts and fowls, both wild and tame;  
Yet is none made to thy likeness  
But we alone. Ah, lofed be thy name!

EVE

To such a Lord in all degree  
Be evermore lasting lofing,  
That to us such a dignity  
Has given before all other thing.

And selcouth things may we see here,  
Of this ilk world so long and broad,  
With beasts and fowls so many and sere;  
Blessed be he that has us made!

ADAM

Ah, blessed Lord, now at thy will  
Since we are wrought, vouchsafe to tell  
And also say us two until,  
What we shall do and where to dwell.

GOD

For this skill made I you this day –  
My name to worship anywhere.  
Love me forthy and lof me ay  
For m making; I ask no more.

Both wise and witty shalt thou be,  
As man that I have made of nought;  
Lordship on earth then grant I thee,  
All thing to serve thee that is wrought.

In paradise shall ye sam won;  
Of earthly thing get ye no need.  
Ill and good both shall ye con;  
I shall you learn your life to lead.

ADAM

Ah, Lord since we shall do no thing  
But lof thee for thy great goodness,  
We shall obey to thy bidding,  
And fulfil it both more and less.

EVE

His sign since he has on us set  
Before all other thing, certain,  
Him for to lof we shall not let,  
And worship him with might and main.

GOD

At heaven and earth first I began,  
And six days wrought ere I would rest;  
My work is ended now at man:  
All likes me well, but this the best.

My blessing have they ever and ay,  
The seventh day shall my resting be;  
Thus will I cease, smoothly to say,  
Of my doing in this degree.

To bliss I shall you bring;  
Come forth, ye two, with me.  
Ye shall live in liking;  
My blessing with you be. Amen.

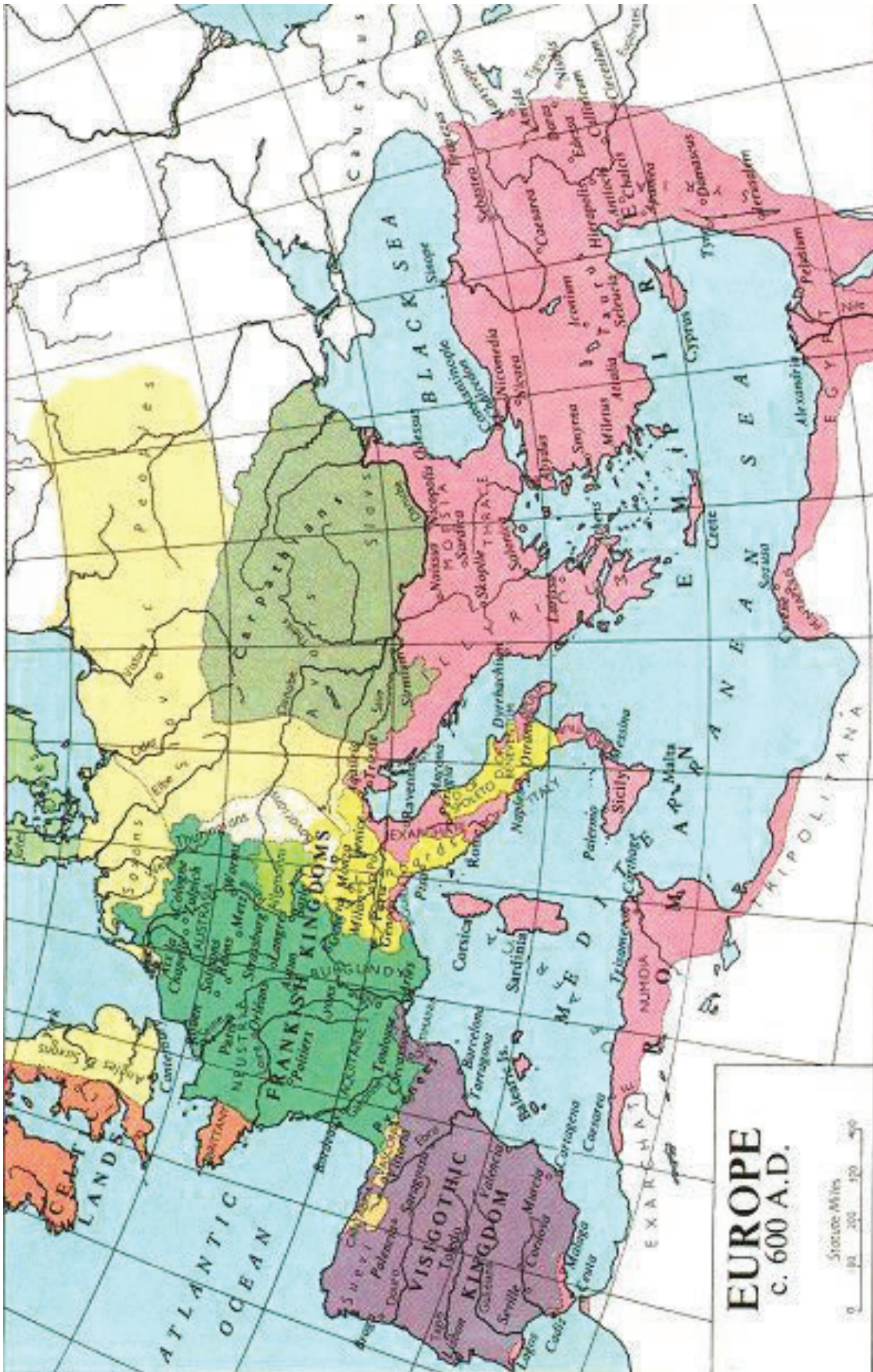
Vocabulary Helps:

Lof - praise

Ilk - every

Mickle - great

# Activity A ~ Map Activity



## **Directions:**

MEMORIZE the map on this page (study it intently for five minutes).

COLOR on your map!

RESOURCE: To make quizzes for the next few weeks concerning medieval geography, go to this website <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/maps/mapquiz.asp>. Once there, you will be able to copy the quizzes and paste them into a Word Document to print.



## Activity B ~ Timeline

### Timeline Items:

- St. Adrian of Canterbury (710)
- St. Richard of Lucca (722)
- St. Eucharius (743)
- St. Walburga (779)
- St. Giles (724)
- St. Agricola (700)
- St. Wilfrid (709)
- St. Willibrord (739)
- St. John Damascene (749)
- St. Odilia (720)
- St. Wulfran (720)
- St. Rupert of Salzburg (720)
- St. Mildred (700)
- St. Willibald (786)
- St. Medericus (Merry) (700)

### What other dates did I find?

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