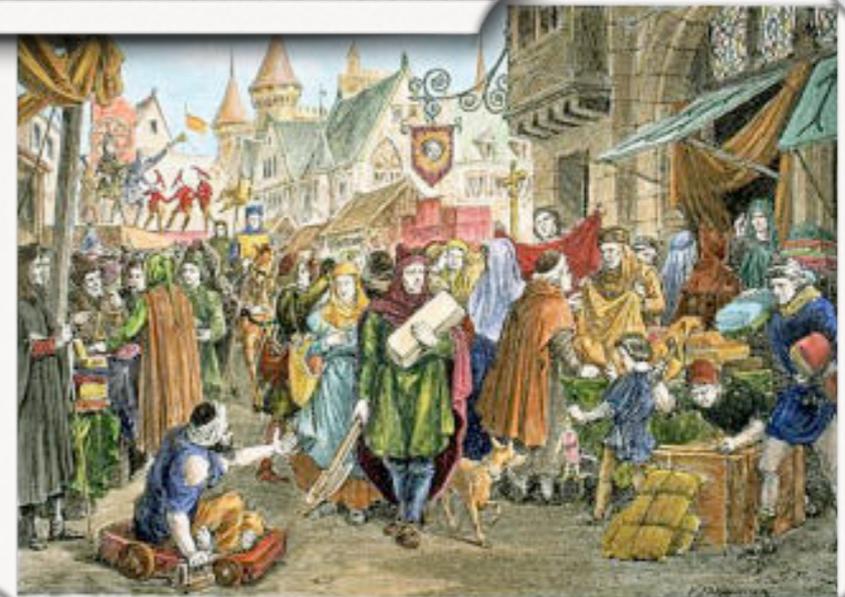

LATE MIDDLE AGES

900 AD - 1500 AD

Late Middle Ages

- * Feudal wars declined
- * Conditions became safer
- * Towns grew
- * Merchants held fairs
 - * to trade wool
- * People began traveling again



Roman Roads were rebuilt

- * Roman towns along trade routes were rebuilt
- * Christians took Mediterranean Sea back from Muslims
- * Towns began specializing in goods
 - * leather, cloth, lace, lumber, fur, etc



Roman Roads were rebuilt



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Increased travel and trade



- * Townspeople became middle class
- * Bourgeoisie, burgesses, burghers
- * means walled place

Towns formed Guilds

- * “Unions” that set prices, wages, and quality standards
- * Set up training for membership
- * apprentice - age 7 or 8
- * food, clothes, room, no wages
- * lasted 3 to 12 years



Towns formed guilds

- * Journeyman - earned wages
- * Worked for master craftsman
 - * to perfect skills
- * Submitted a “masterpiece” to guild to be judged
- * If accepted, became...
 - * master craftsman -
 - * could open own shop



Culture



- * Middle Class had money to
- * educate their children
- * Only priests were educated before
- * Developed Universities
- * Studied ancient teachings
- * Rome and Greece

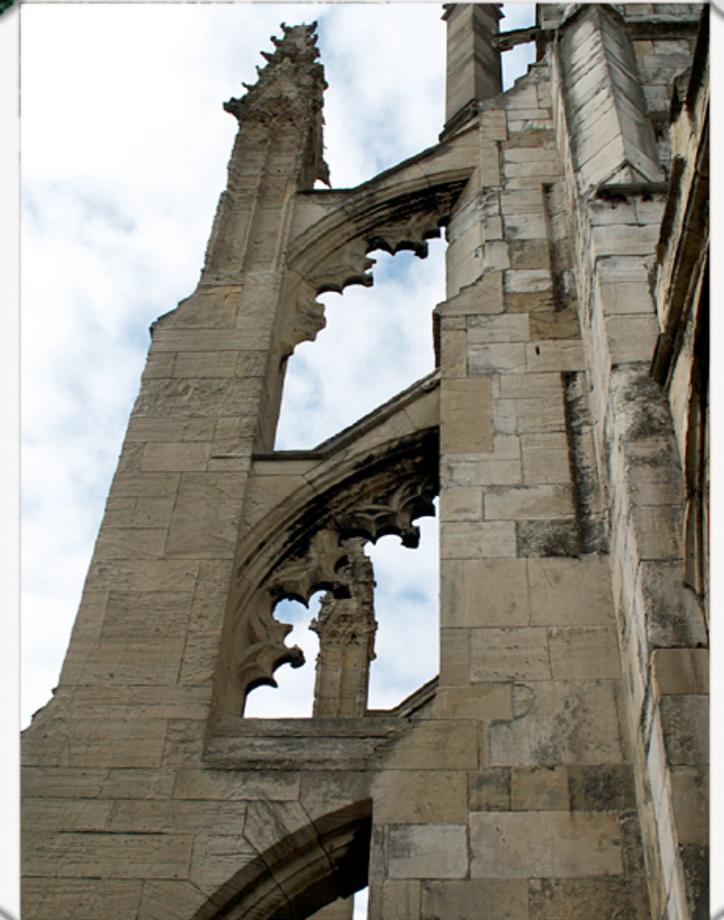
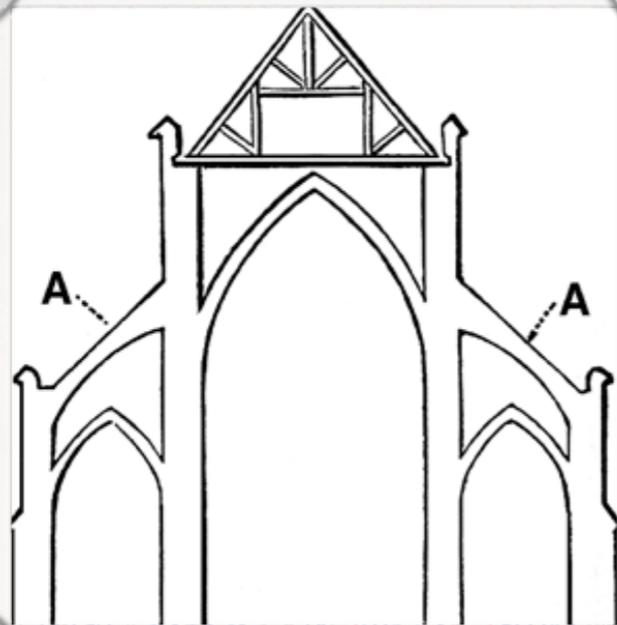
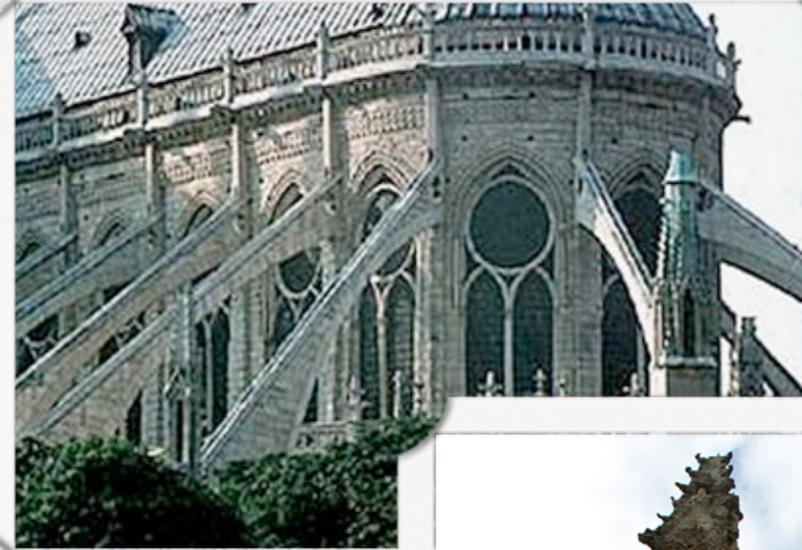
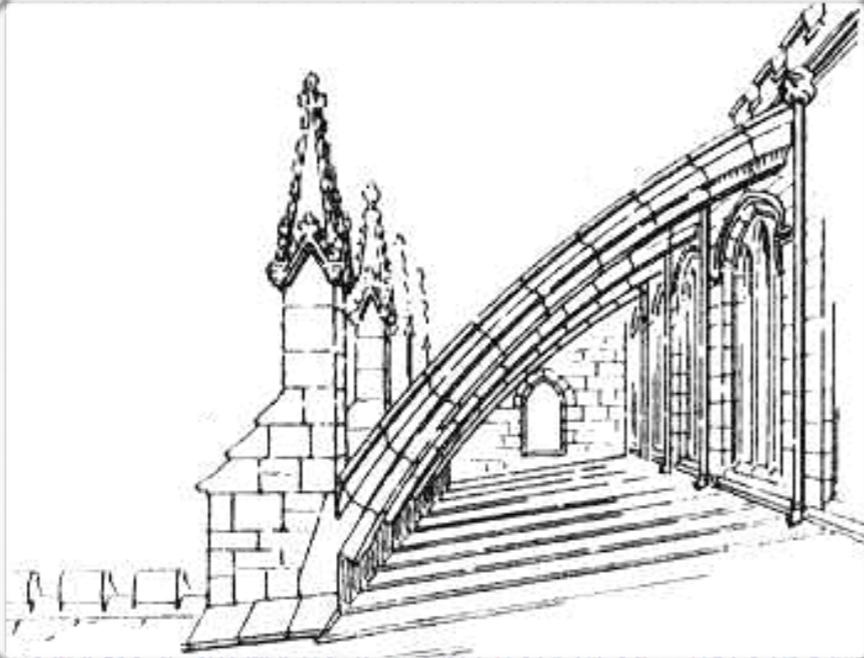


Culture

- * Stressed logic and reason
- * Support the arts
- * Build huge cathedrals
 - * very tall walls
- * Supported by flying buttresses
 - * high, pointed arches
 - * thin windows with stained glass



Culture



Culture

- * Before only written in Latin
- * Now more people could read
- * Reading = knowledge
- * Everyone became smarter



Crusades

- * 1095, the pope called for crusades
- * Military expedition against enemies of the church
- * Take Palestine back from the Turks (Muslims)
- * Had been torturing pilgrims lately
- * People went for three reasons
 - * to gain favor with God
 - * to carve out a kingdom in Palestine
 - * Riches and glory
 - * To escape taxes and debt at home

Crusades

- * For 200 years Christians fought Muslims
- * Christians won Palestine
- * Turks took it back



Results of the Crusades



- * Returning crusaders brought new ideas and products home
- * Merchants built large fleets for trade
- * Europeans exposed to other civilizations

Results of the Crusades



- * Money replaced barter
- * Banks were set up
 - * Made loans to kings
- * Feudal system became based on money, not service
- * Serfs had money to buy goods
 - * Didn't have to make everything anymore

The Church remained dominant in Medieval Life



Powerful Monarchies Developed

