500 – 1500

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the Middle Ages timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Gutenberg's Printing Press**
Johannes Gutenberg develops movable-type printing in Germany; his Gutenberg Bible, printed around 1455, is the first major book produced with the new press.

☐ **The Early Middle Ages Begin**
After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, Europe fragments into small Germanic kingdoms and the Catholic Church becomes the main unifying force.

☐ **Magna Carta**
English barons force King John to sign the Magna Carta, limiting royal power and guaranteeing certain legal rights.

☐ **Hundred Years' War**
England and France fight a series of wars over the French throne; French heroine Joan of Arc plays a decisive role before being burned at the stake.

☐ **Charlemagne Crowned Emperor**
Pope Leo III crowns the Frankish king Charlemagne as Emperor of the Romans on Christmas Day.

☐ **The First Crusade**
Pope Urban II calls on Christian knights to take back Jerusalem from Muslim rulers; thousands respond and capture the city in 1099.

☐ **End of the Middle Ages**
Columbus reaches the Americas and Spain completes the Reconquista, expelling the last Muslim rulers from the Iberian Peninsula.

☐ **Fall of Constantinople**
Ottoman Turks capture Constantinople, ending the thousand-year Eastern Roman Empire.

☐ **Norman Conquest of England**
William the Conqueror defeats King Harold at the Battle of Hastings and takes the English throne.

☐ **The Black Death**
A devastating plague sweeps across Europe, killing an estimated one-third to one-half of the entire population.

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1066	3.	Norman Conquest of England
1095	4.	The First Crusade
1215	5.	Magna Carta
1347–51	6.	The Black Death
1337–1453	7.	Hundred Years' War
~1450s	8.	Gutenberg's Printing Press
1453	9.	Fall of Constantinople
1492	10.	End of the Middle Ages