

Thematic Essay
Regents Global History and Geography 9
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Theme: Economic Systems

The Crusades accelerated the transformation of Western Europe from a society that was backward, crude, and violent to a civilization that showed some early features of modern western civilization. Towns grew, trade expanded and a new middle class was formed.

Address the economic expansion of the late Middle Ages.

- ❖ Discuss the historical circumstances surrounding the
 - expansion of trade
 - banking system.
- ❖ Describe two features of rising middle class.
- ❖ Evaluate the impact of the growth of towns on medieval Society.