During the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, kings, nobles, and the Church struggled for power—nation states formed.
What is a Nation-State?
- large groups of people who are **ruled by one central government**
- share a **common language**
- feel a sense of **loyalty to the group**.

How did Nation-States form?
- Feudalism **declined**
- Kings slowly began to **increase their power** in the late medieval period.
- This shift began in **England & France**.
England

Who was William the Conqueror?

- Set out in 1066 to capture the **English throne**
- **Leader of the Norman Conquest** from France

What resulted from the victory of the Battle of Hastings?

William the Conqueror **unites most of England**
England

What is Henry II known for?

Common Law - a system of judges and juries that use a unified body of law similar to the U.S.
England

What important document did King John sign? What year?

Magna Carta in 1215

Why was this important?

➢ limited the King’s power, gave more power to nobles
➢ Beginnings of Parliament
Why was the 100 Years’ War significant to England?

- **Between England and France** (1337-1453)
- France **won**
- Helped define England as a nation
- **Nationalism grew**, fighting for glory of country
- **King**-national leader
France

Who united most of France? 
**Capetian dynasty (987-1328)**

Who made Paris the capital? 
**King Philip II Augustus (1180-1223), from the Capetian dynasty**

Why was the 100 Years’ War significant for France?
- Helped define France as a nation
- France gained back the land England had controlled
- the power and prestige of the French monarch increased
- France won

https://youtu.be/FHGwxFvOcLiQ
The History of Europe Every Year
France

Who was Joan of Arc?

➢ was a unifying factor of France
➢ God told her to kick the English out

Why was she a significant figure in France?

➢ Won at Orleans – huge turning point
➢ Captured, condemned as a witch & a heretic of the Church by England
➢ Burned at the stake 1431
What two rulers helped unify Spain?

Ferdinand & Isabella

What is the Reconquista?

- A movement to **unify** the country
- Expel the Muslim Moors & Jews

Who led the Spaniards into the Western Empire?

Expanded under **Phillip II**
Philip II of Spain 1527-1598 (Spanish: *Felipe II*) was King of Spain, Portugal, Naples, Sicily, England and Ireland. Duke of Milan and leader of the Netherlands.
Russia

Who was the dominant ruler in Russia?

Ivan III “The Great” (1440-1505)

What were some of his accomplishments?

- Centralized power in Moscow
- Expanded the Russian nation
- Power was centralized in the hands of czar/tsar
Russia

- He threw off the Mongols rule by not paying taxes and waiting out the Mongols.
Russia

What was the other important influence in Russia?
The Orthodox Church influenced unification
Middle Ages

HISTORY
- Fall of the Roman Empire 476
- Norman conquest of England 1066
- Reign of Charlemagne 800
- Crusades 1095
- King John and the Magna Carta 1215
- Hundred Years' War 1337
- Conquest of Constantinople by the Turks 1453

LANGUAGES
- THE OLD ENGLISH (ANGLO-SAXON) PERIOD (428-1066)
- THE MIDDLE ENGLISH PERIOD (c. 1066-1450 CE)

43 to 476 CE
- Romano-British
- Early Middle Ages

476 to 1453 CE
- Beowulf
- Song of Roland 1100
- El Cid 1140
- Divine Comedy 1308
- Arthur 1130

1400-1650 CE
- Book of the Civilized Man
- Robin Hood

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- Writing of Beowulf

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