

WHI.12a in a Nutshell

During the late medieval period, European monarchies consolidated their power and began forming **nation-states**. Nation-states are **countries** where people have a common language and culture.

Directions: Identify the leader or event described.

England

William the Conqueror	Wins the Battle of Hastings and unites most of England.
Henry II	Expands England's territory in France by marrying Eleanor of Aquitaine. Sets up a unified code of law called Common Law.
Richard I	Fights in the 3 rd Crusade
King John	Forced to sign the Magna Carta, which limits the power of the king.
Edward I	Creates a Model Parliament, a bicameral legislature.
Hundred Years War	War fought between England and France over land and hereditary rights. France wins.
Henry Tutor	Wins the War of the Roses, a civil war between the Yorks (white roses) and Lancasters (red roses).

France

Hugh Capet	Weak king who founds the Capetian Dynasty.
Philip II	Used bailiffs to collect taxes and strengthen the monarchy
Louis IX	Creates the Parliament of Paris
Philip V	Creates the Estates General to limit the power of the nobility
Joan of Arc	Fights for France during the Hundred Years War. Captured by the English and burned at the stake for heresy.
Charles VII	Creates France's first permanent army and a Royal Council
Louis XI	Known as the "Spider King;" used trickery, bribery, and spies

Spain

Reconquista	Moment to reconquer Spain from the Muslims. Results in the Jews and Muslims being expelled from Spain.
Ferdinand and Isabella	Marriage unifies Spain. Finances Christopher Columbus' journey to the New World.
Charles V	Expands the Spanish empire into the Western Hemisphere

Russia

Mongols	Conquer Russia and destroy Kiev; Force the Russian princes to pay tribute
Ivan I	Serves the Mongols as a tax collector; enlarges the Kingdom of Moscow
Ivan III	Known as "The Great;" defeats the Mongols and creates a unified Russia with Moscow as the capital.
Ivan IV	Known as "The Terrible;" codifies Russia's law and kills people who oppose him