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### **Medieval Europe Critical Thinking (Part I)**

Answer the following questions in complete sentences (3-4 sentences each) using your own words. You may use the back of this sheet if you need more space to write. YOU MUST PROPERLY USE AND UNDERLINE AT LEAST THREE VOCABULARY TERMS THROUGHOUT THE ASSIGNMENT.

1. What events/developments led many people to declare the early Middle Ages in Western Europe the “Dark Ages”? Why is that term not really an appropriate label for the time period?

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2. Why was Charlemagne an important king in Western Europe?

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3. How did feudalism both positively and negatively affect people’s lives in Western Europe during the Middle Ages?

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