Prentice Hall World History
Hip Hop History Song
The Rise of Europe

Verse:
The time between the modern and ancient
Is called the **medieval** period, the Middle Ages
The rise of Germanic tribes like the **Franks**
They kept the Muslim empire from moving past Spain
Charlemagne, whose name means Charles the Great
Unified Western Europe as king of the Franks
But new waves of invasion brought fighting
From the Muslims, the **Magyars**, and the **Vikings**
In medieval life, **feudalism** was rule in which the
Vassals pledged loyalty for lands the lords had given
The lord granted his vassal a **fief**
The vassal made certain payments and gave loyalty
For nobles, warfare was a way of life
From boyhood, many trained to one day become **knights**
They would fight in **tournaments**, and lived by the
Code of conduct for knights called **chivalry**
Peasants had harsh lives and work
Those who were part of the **manor** were called **serfs**
The church dominated the people then
The priest celebrated mass with the **sacraments**
Monasteries and convents developed too
Across Europe, they used the **Benedictine Rule**
Papal supremacy gave popes authority
That stretched over secular rulers even kings
As the economy changed, trade routes would expand
Merchants, traders, and artisans formed the **middle class**
People who had specific crafts or skills
Joined associations known as **guilds**
That's the Middle Ages