



Chapter 9-A

The High Middle Ages



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HI 101 – Western Civilization

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Oct. 15	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 9)
Oct. 22	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 10)
Oct. 28	Article 3 Approved Stallworth Lecture (USA)
Oct. 29	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 11)
Nov. 4	Article 3 Due
Nov. 5	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 12)
Nov. 10	Review Session – 2-4 pm
Nov. 11	EXAM 3 (Chapters 9-12)



Extra Credit

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Stallworth Lecture

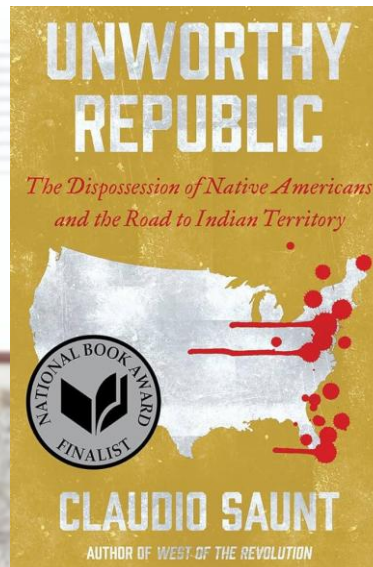


***Tuesday, October 28
7:00 p.m.***

Laidlaw Performing Arts Center

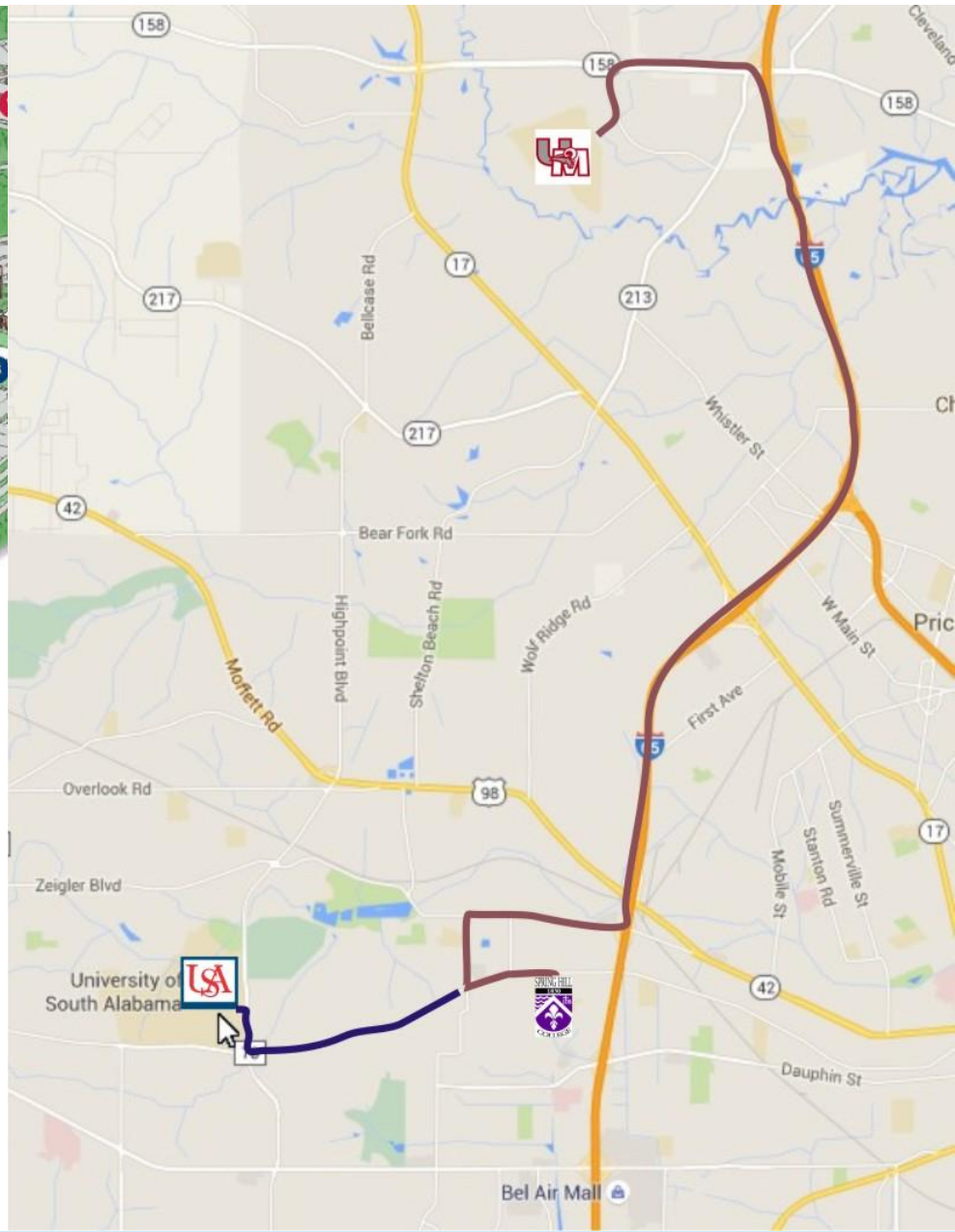
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Claudio Saunt is a Richard B. Russell Professor in American History at the University of Georgia, Athens. He additionally serves as the associate director of the Institute of Native American Studies. *Unworthy Republic* (2020) provides a multilayered account of the expulsions of Native Americans from their homes in the eastern United States to territories west of the Mississippi.

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Agricultural Innovations

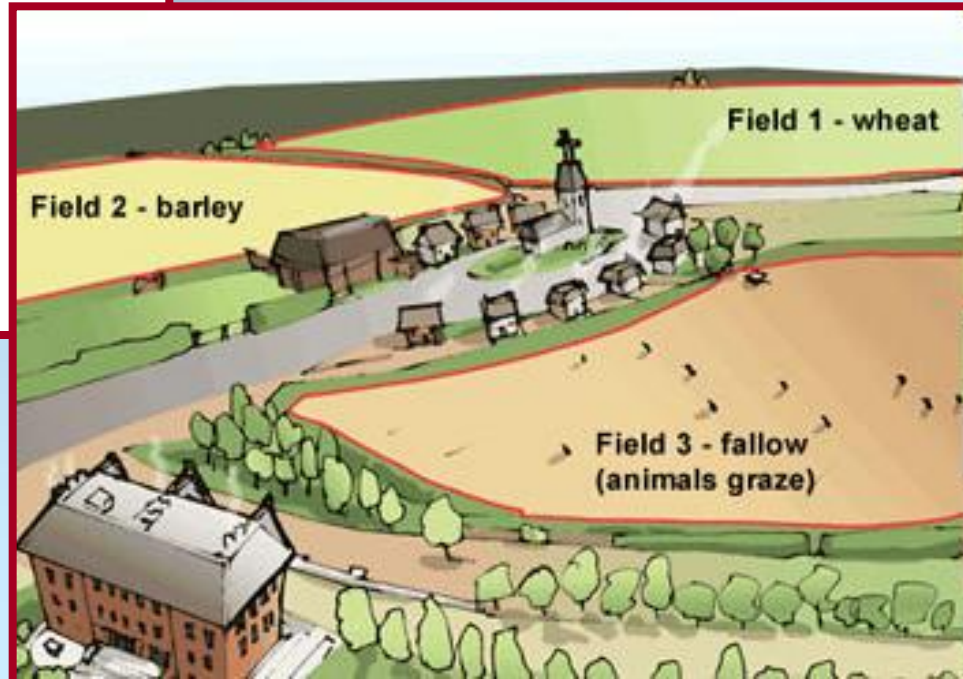
Three-Field System

Older method was 2 field rotation
WHEAT / FALLOW

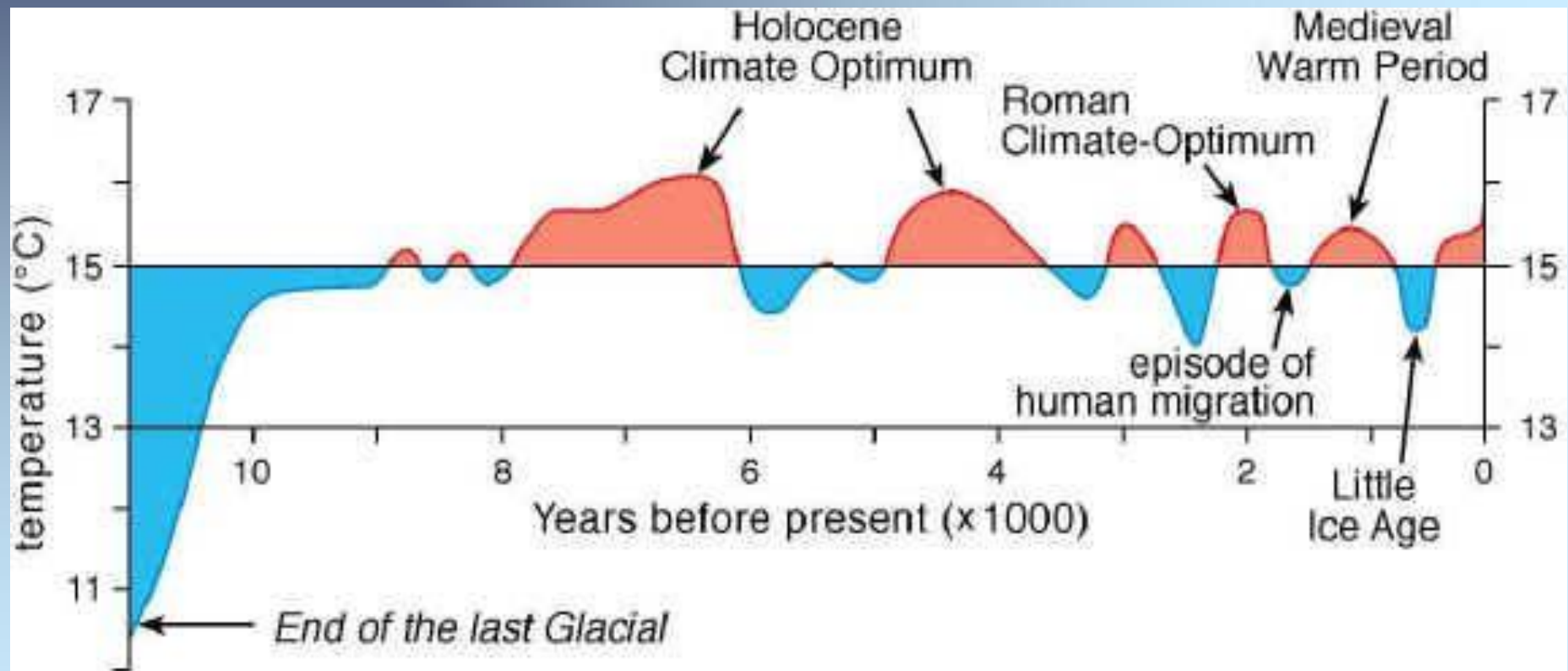
Field 1: Wheat and Rye

Field 2: Barley, Oats, Peas & Beans

Field 3: fallow / pasture



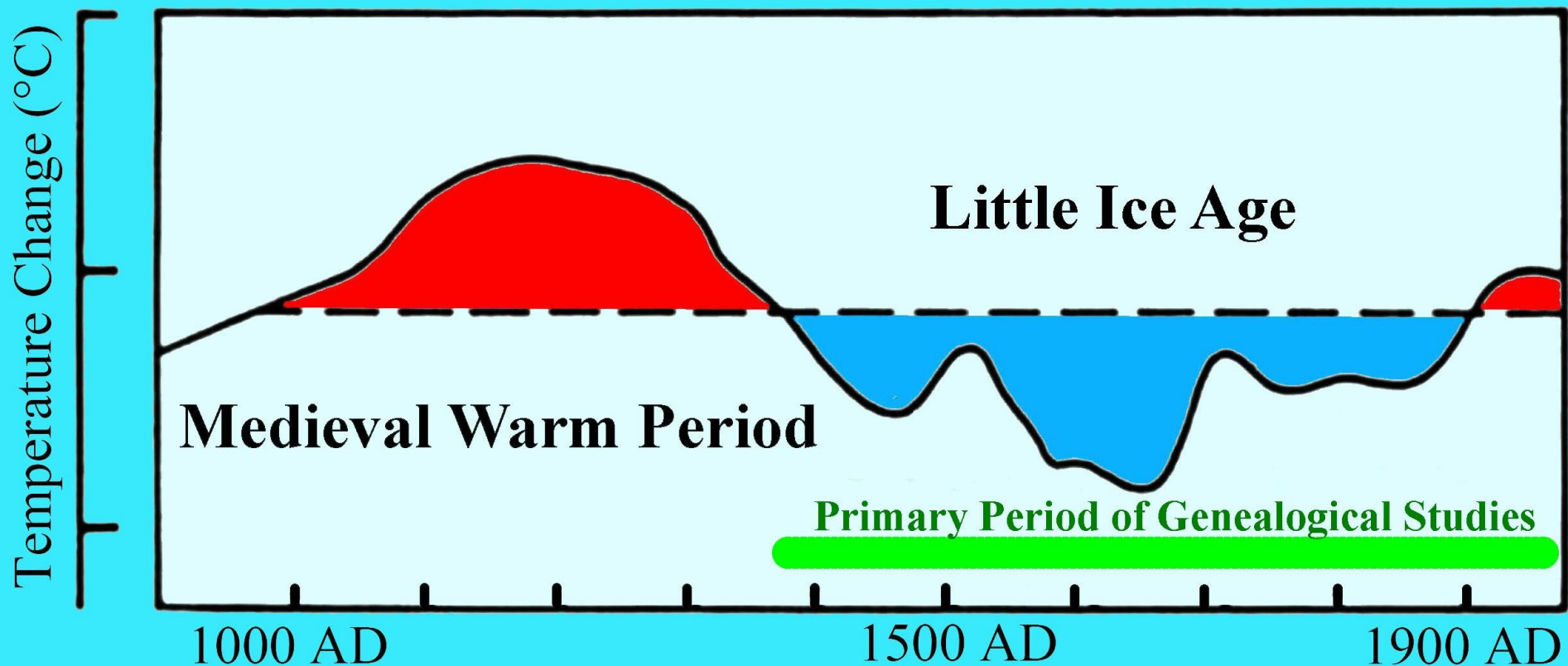
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Average near-surface temperatures of the northern hemisphere during the past 11,000 years (after Dansgaard et al., 1969, and Schönwiese, 1995)

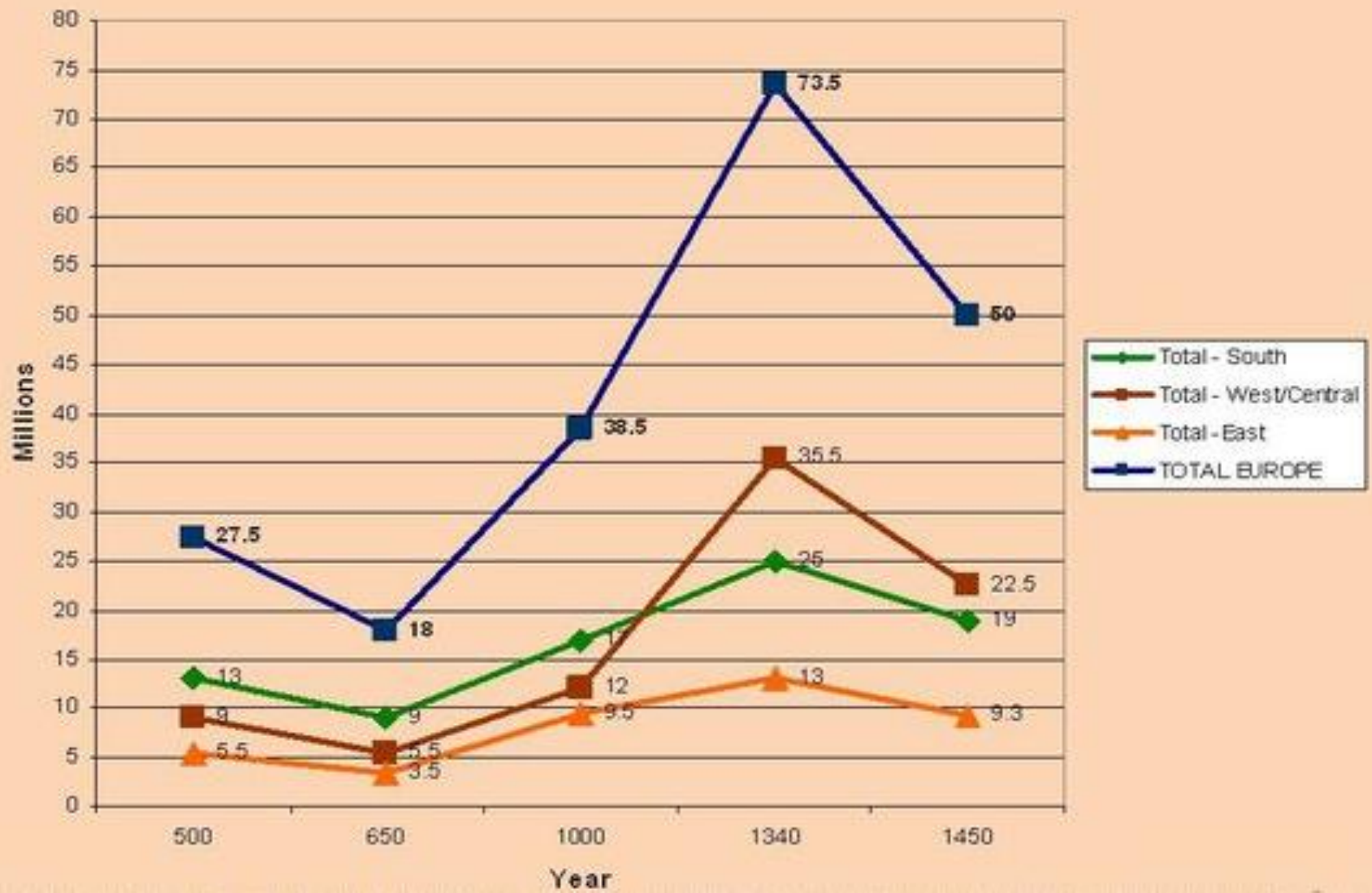
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Longer Growing Season = Better and more crops



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Estimated Medieval Population of Europe



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Causes

orbital cycles – ocean circulation

decreased solar activity – increased volcanic activity

Mongol invasions

Impacts

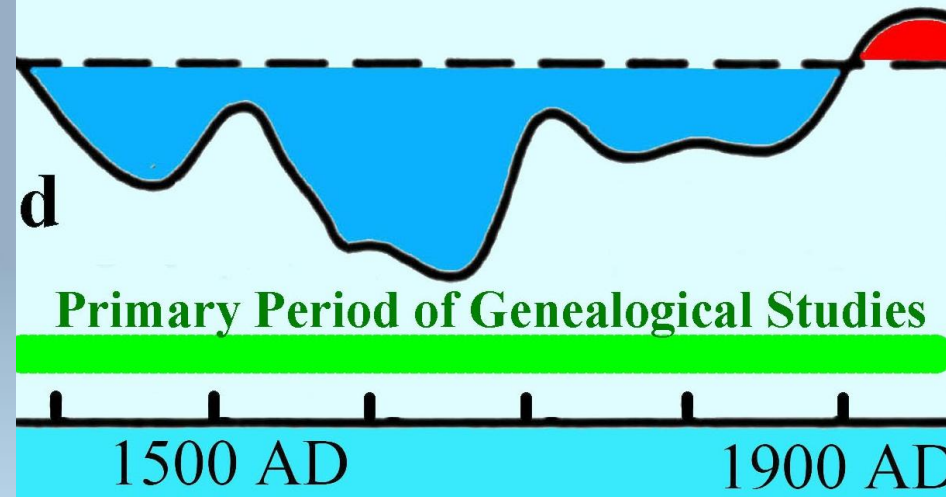
water freezes: Baltic Sea, canals and rivers, closed harbors, glaciers grow and sea level falls

Shorter growing season - poor crops, livestock die, increase in pathogens and disease vectors
reduced population

Widespread use of buttons, houses have chimneys
replace open fires & divide into rooms

Denser wood used by violinmaker Stradivari

Little Ice Age



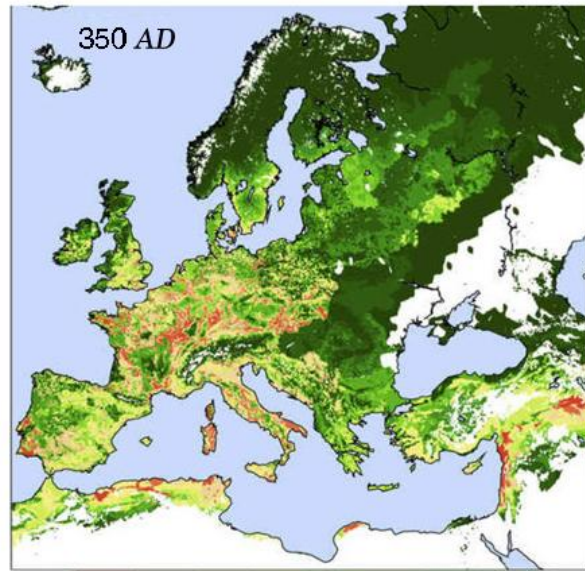
Cultural Response

violent crimes, sexual offenses,
witchcraft trials, blame the Jews

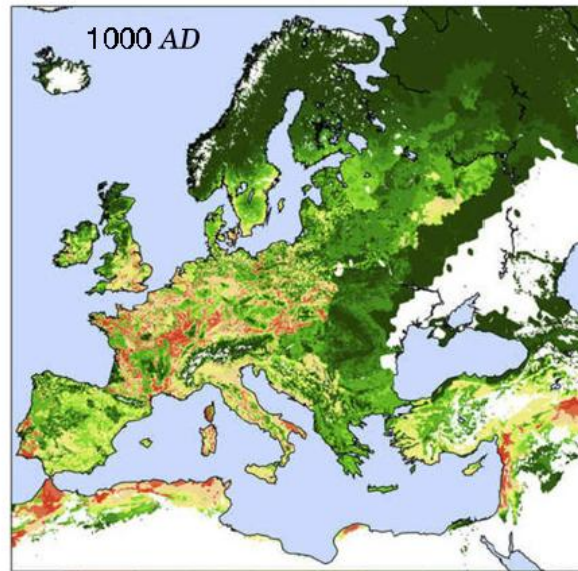
Divine displeasure:

Gambling and drinking, dancing, sex, gluttony
Catholics blame the Reformation

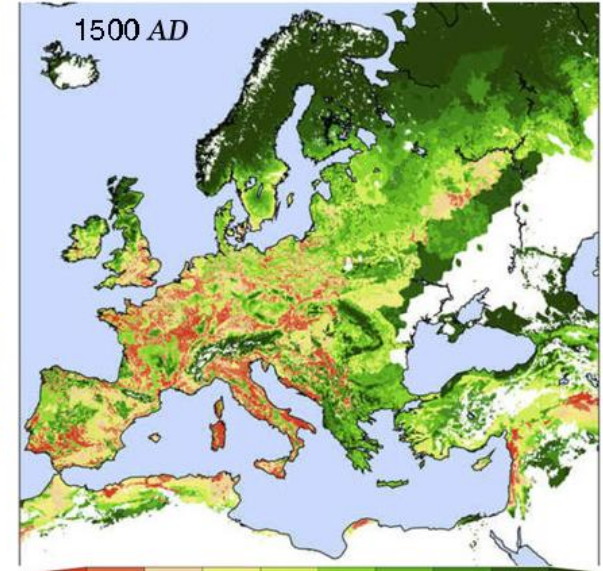
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(c) Forested fraction of gridcell

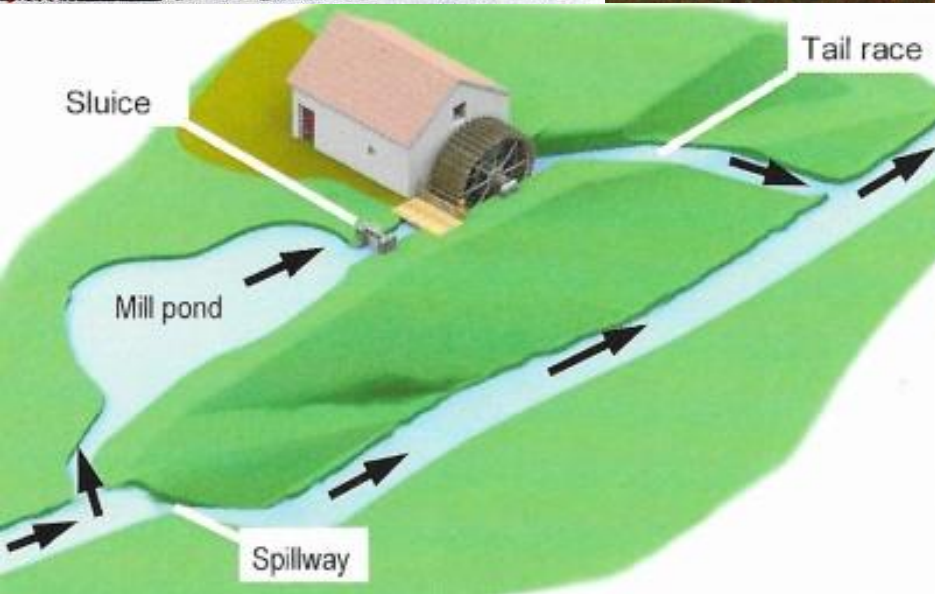
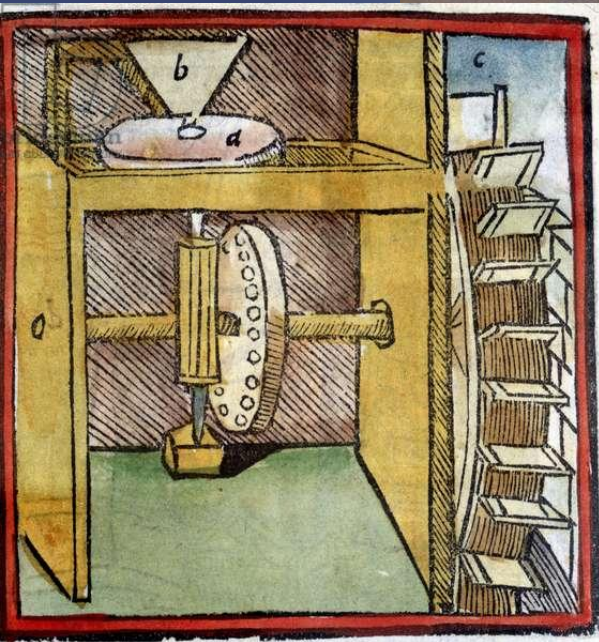


(d) Forested fraction of gridcell



(e) Forested fraction of gridcell

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Pros & Cons

Windmills

Watermills



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Life of the Peasants

Work determined by the seasons

Owed labor to the Lord

Holy Days are the only Holidays
(fortunately the Church has many celebrations)

**Diet Dull – Bread and Water or
Bread and Ale**

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**NOT “bigger drunks
than college students”**

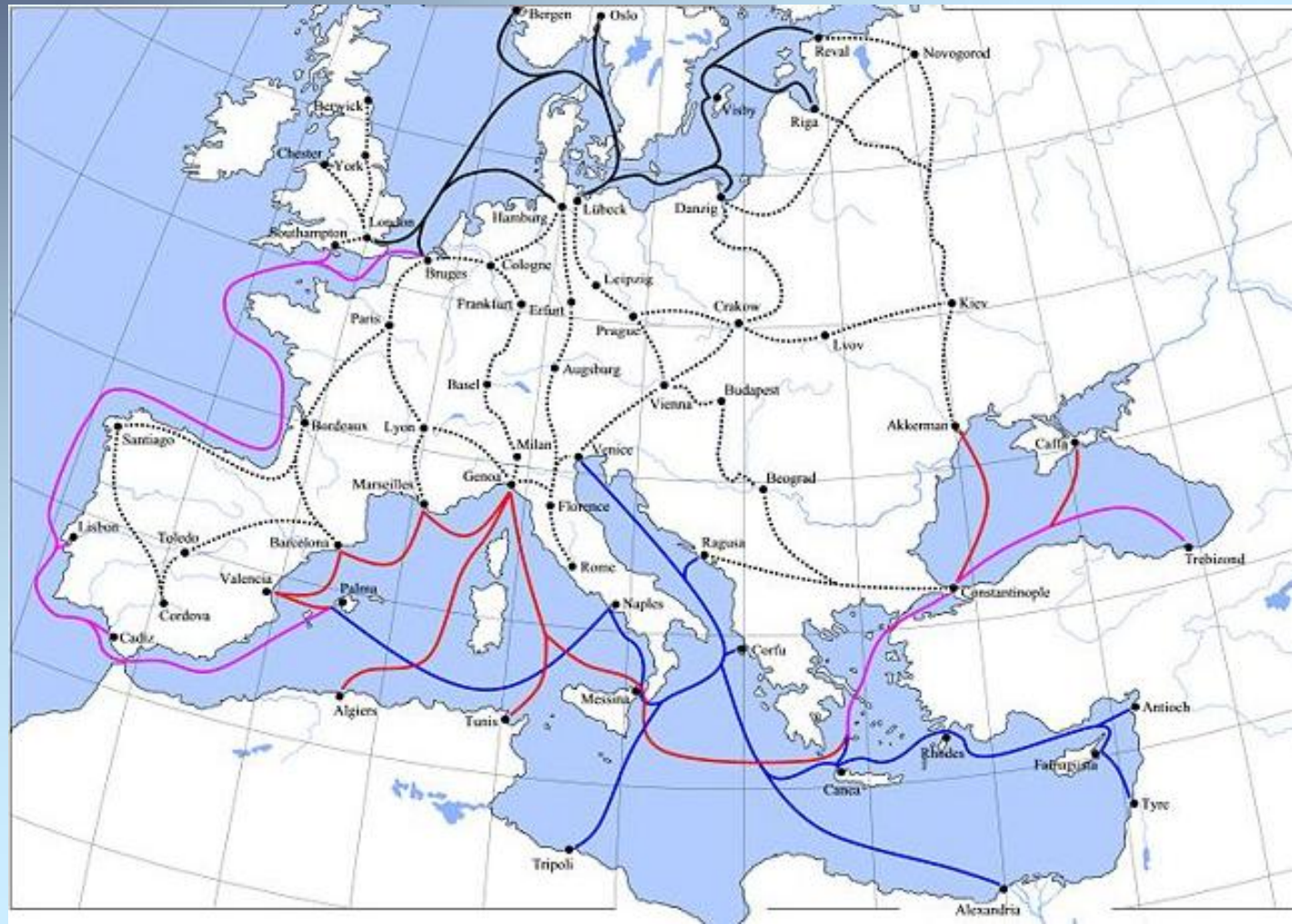
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Commercial Expansion

Mediterranean

Baltic

Overland

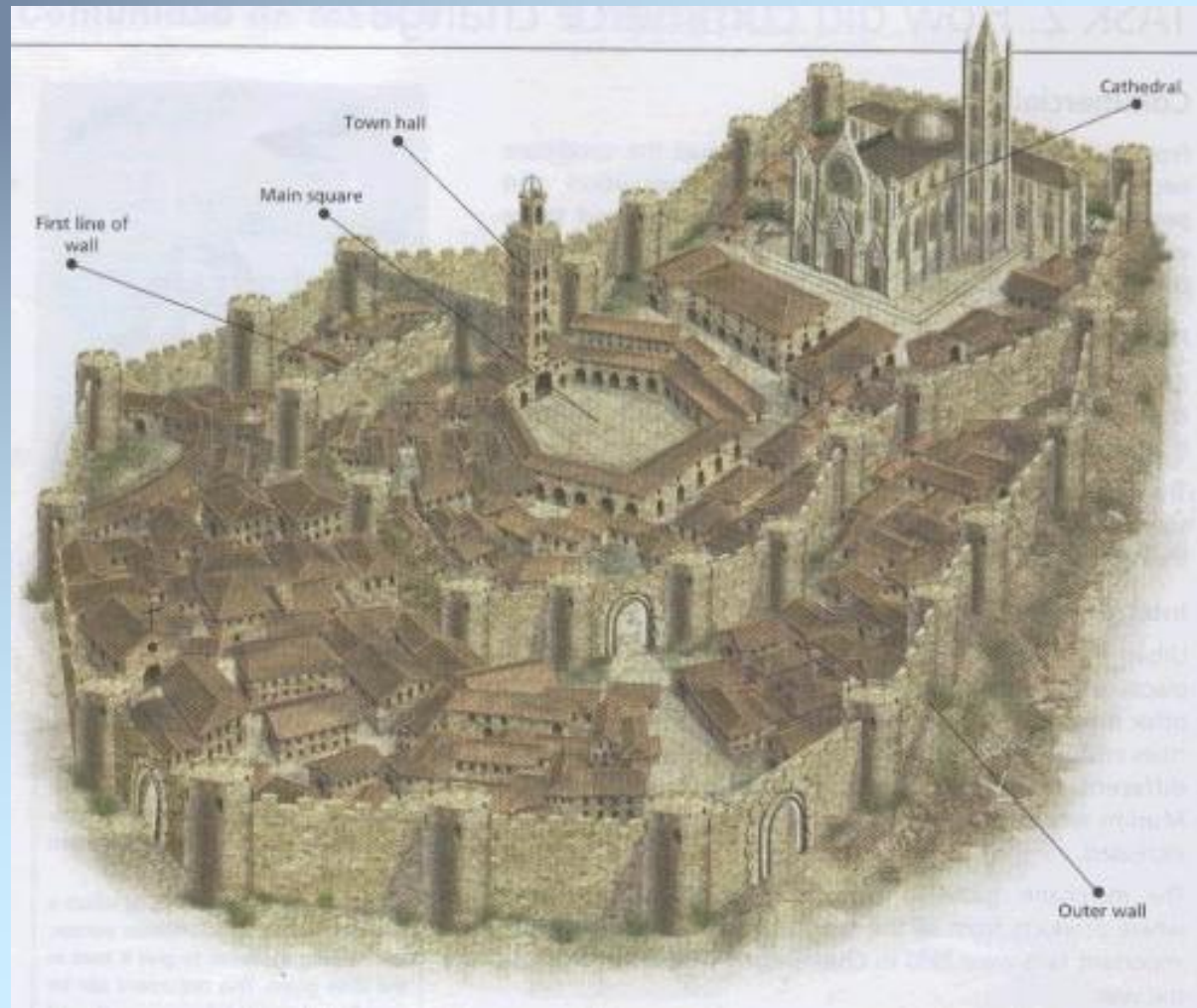


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Rebirth of Urban Life

**Shift from
Administrative/bishops**

**To
Trading centers**



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