

Chapter 9.3 Reading Questions

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1. Britons, or people who make up the population of England, were comprised of what THREE ethnic groups?
2. How did Henry II expand the power of the monarch during his reign?
3. What was English common law?
4. Who forced King John to sign the Magna Carta? Why did they want him to do this?
5. When does the English Parliament develop? What were its functions?
6. Who really held the power in the Capetian dynasty-kings or nobles?
7. What is a parliament? Define it here. What American institution is this similar to?
8. Explain why the Holy Roman Empire was really just a series of independent kingdoms.
9. What were the group of people who inhabited Central and Eastern Europe called?
10. What two ethnic groups merged in Russia in the 8th century to make modern day Russians?

Critical thinking question: Look at this paper and the chapter you just read. Why are 80% of the questions and 80% of the chapter about Western Europe (England, France, Germany etc)? Why when we talk about Europe do we usually talk about Western Europe and not as much about Hungary, Russia, Poland, Czechslovakia etc? Was what was happening there not important? Explain in a couple sentences why you think this is.