

Structure of the Middle Ages

Political Fragmentation

- No Countries
- 1000s of states
- Loyalty to community

Religious Fragmentation

- Roman-Catholic Church
 - o Pope in Rome
- Eastern Orthodox Church
 - o Patriarch in Constantinople
- Islam
 - o Muslims
 - o Ottomans Empire
 - Turkey
 - North Africa
 - Middle East Greece

Judicial Fragmentation

- Canon Law
 - o Church Law
- Civil Law
 - o “Law of the Land”
- Common Law
 - o Traditional Law

Cultural Fragmentation

- Many Languages
- Travel took a long time
 - o Madrid to Venice
 - 33-88 Days

Social Fragmentation

- Feudalism
 - o Kings, Lords, Serfs
 - o Died out in 13th century Western Europe
 - Remained in Eastern Europe
 - o No Social Mobility

