Structure of the Middle Ages

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

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

Judicial Fragmentation
- Cannon Law
  - Church Law
- Civil Law
  - "Law of the Land"
- Common Law
  - Traditional Law

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

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