**U4 Study Guide: Feudal, Renais, & Reform (SSWH7, SSWH9)**

**SSWH 7 – Early Middle Ages**

1. What is feudalism? Draw the feudal pyramid and explain the feudal contract
2. What role did the Catholic Church play in medieval society?
3. Who was Charlemagne? Why was he significant?
4. Explain how the role of trade grew from the early Middle Ages to the Renaissance.
5. What was the Black Plague?
   1. How did it spread?
   2. What impact did the plague have in the short run? Long run?
6. What were the Crusades?
   1. List the major consequences of the Crusades (intended or unintended).

**SSWH9 – Renaissance and Reformation**

1. What does the word ‘renaissance’ literally mean?
2. What culture(s) did the renaissance mimic? What evidence do we have of this?
3. What city was at the heart of the renaissance?
4. What was humanism? Explain.
   1. Name some authors that were associated with the humanist movement.
   2. What were the major points of emphasis of the humanist movement?
   3. How did humanism contribute to the decline of the Catholic Church’s power and influence?
5. What piece of technology did Johannes Gutenberg invent? How did this impact the Renaissance? (several things – list them)
6. What were some of the major works of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael?
7. Explain why the art of the renaissance was significant?
8. What was the Protestant Reformation? Why did it happen?
9. Who was Martin Luther?
   1. What were the 95 Theses?
   2. What invention played a large role in spreading the ideas in the 95 Theses?
   3. What abuses were highlighted in the 95 Theses?
10. What was the English Reformation?
    1. Why did it take place?
    2. Explain the role of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.
11. What was the Counter Reformation (Catholic Reformation)?
    1. What happened at the Council of Trent?
    2. Who were the Jesuits?

Essay Topics: Pick ONE

1. Explain the rise and decline of the feudal system. Give four specific reasons for the decline of feudalism and explain them using examples.

OR

1. Describe the Protestant Reformation. Be sure to include the key formers and use specific examples of the perceived abuses of the Catholic Church.