THE FIRST CHRISTIANS
LESSON 1

- Judea is made a Roman province.
- The Gospels are written.
- Emperor Nero begins the persecution of Christians.
- The Edict of Milan proclaims official tolerance of Christianity.
- Christianity is made the official religion of the Roman Empire.

DECLINE AND FALL OF ROME
LESSON 2

- Reforms of Diocletian and Constantine
  - Divided Roman Empire into four parts
  - Enlarged civil service and the army
  - Set wage and price controls to fight inflation
  - Disallowed workers to change vocations, making jobs hereditary
  - Constructed a new capital named Constantinople

THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LESSON 3

- Pope in Rome and the Patriarchs
- Archbishops
- Bishops (Bishoprics or dioceses)
- Priests (Parishes)

THE AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE
LESSON 4

- GERMAN CUSTOMS
  - Customs based on rural life
  - Criminal guilt determined through physical ordeal
  - Crimes considered personal matters and often resulted in feuds
  - Laws based on tradition and custom
- ROMAN CUSTOMS
  - Customs based on urban life
  - Criminal guilt determined through trials
  - Crimes considered against the state
  - Laws based on written codes
- SHARED CUSTOMS
  - Males form the head of the family unit

THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE
LESSON 5

- Byzantine Empire
  - Greek and Christian state
  - Emperor believed to be chosen by God
  - Emperor head of church and state
  - Constantinople capital of empire