

5.7 Western Europe Under Siege

Background: With the breakup of the Roman Empire in the 6th century, Western Europe was invaded from the north, south, and east. Mobilizing to repel invaders played a major role in the development of feudal kingdoms and the feudal system. Examine the maps and answer questions 1-3.

Source: Beck, Black, Naylor and Shabaka. *World History, Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal, Littell)

Question

1. What lands did the Viking raid?
2. What areas of Europe were controlled by the Islamic world?
3. In your opinion, why were Viking, Magyar, and Muslin invasions so threatening to Western Europe?

