By the 5th century AD the Roman Empire disintegrates, leaving a power vacuum in Europe. Barbarians destroy towns and cities; Europe has entered the Dark Ages. But elsewhere in the world, humans achieve progress. In the Arabian dessert, the discovery of gold helps ignite new innovations in engineering and technology. Vikings open up new links. Mankind continues to clash in wars over religion and territory.

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| ***Fall of Rome-Barbarians at the Gate*** | ***Arabs, Gold, Innovations, and the Rise of Islam*** | ***Vikings, Long Ships, and Settlements*** |
| The Vandals and the downfall of Rome-  Barbarian Tribes-  Effects of Collapse- | Arabian Desert and Gold-  Gold rush, trade, and the rise of Islam-  Cordoba, Spain- | Appearance, origins and location-  Culture and funeral rites-  Long Ships, exploration, and settlements- |

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***Conclusion Question: How does this period in history differ from the previous period during the age of empires? What are the major forces during this period that creates changes, innovations, and cross-cultural encounters?***