

Charlemagne
(Charles the Great)

742 - 814 AD

- King of the Franks

- Franks were most
successful of the
"barbaric" tribes

- (conquered more of
old Western Roman
Empire than other tribes)

- Franks settled in old Gaul
- Charlemagne modelled his capital city to look like Rome
- Franks accepted Christianity (RCC)
- Ch. had priests travel w/his armies

- 1) prayer before battle
- 2) last rites for dead
- 3) convert + conquered

- significant event
occurred in 800 AD

- Ch. travels to Rome

- on X-mas day,

Pope Leo III; in a
surprise ceremony,

crowns Ch. the
"emperor" of the
"Holy Roman Empire"
- pope trying to
proclaim his
supreme power
in Europe
(he can crown an
emperor)

importance

- 1) begins the historical struggle between church and state
- 2) Holy Roman Empire becomes military arm of Roman

Catholic Church

3) HRE lasts for
1000+ years (til 1806)

4) Christianity
continues to
flourish



Sun

Moon

Tiu-god of war

Woden-chief god

Thor-god of thunder

Frigg-goddess of the
heavens

Saturn-Roman god
war/agriculture