

HIU34581 The Age of Charlemagne: the Carolingians and the Formation of Medieval Europe

The period c.300-900 is now widely considered a transformation period between the antique and the medieval world. The Carolingian Empire (c.750-900) and its disintegration into France and Germany marks the end point of this process. Many of the phenomena that were to define the subsequent millennium were fully formed by the ninth century: sacred kingship, Western Emperorship and imperial ideology, modern state formation, societies regulated by Christian ideals and norms, etc. This module will take a closer look at this formative period of Western Europe from the rise of the Carolingian dynasty through the imperial coronation of Charlemagne to the eventual division of the Empire.