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ENGLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA, AND SPAIN IN THE LATE MEDIEVAL PERIOD

ENGLAND

- 1.) William the Conqueror, leader of the conquest of the Normans, united most of England
- 2.) Common law had its beginnings during the reign of King Henry II
- 3.) King John signed the Magna Carta which limited the King's power and gave more power to the people
- 4.) The Hundred Years War (England vs France) helped define England as a country

FRANCE

- 1.) Hugh Capet established the French throne in Paris. His dynasty eventually controlled most of France
- 2.) The Hundred Years War (England vs France) helped define France as a country
- 3.) Joan of Arc helped unite the people of France

SPAIN

- 1.) Ferdinand and Isabella unified the country and expelled the Muslims Moors from Spain
- 2.) King Phillip II helped expand the size of the Spanish Empire in the Western Hemisphere

RUSSIA

- 1.) Ivan the Great defeated the Mongols, centralized power in Russia, and significantly increased the size of Russia as a nation
- 2.) The leader of Russia was called the tsar (czar). Power was centralized in his hands
- 3.) Russia converted to Orthodox Christianity. The church influenced the unification of Russia