**Document F: The Rise of Universities**

*Beginning in the early 11th century, universities were founded throughout Europe. Below is a list of the 10 oldest European universities in Europe. Attendance at these universities was limited to a small percentage of the population. However, universities introduced a new system of education, eventually replacing the monastery and church schools.*

**Year (approximately)**

Source: “List of Oldest Universities in Continuous Operation,” Wikipedia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_oldest\_universities\_in\_continuous\_operation

**Current location Name**

1088 Bologna, Italy University of Bologna

1150 Paris, France University of Paris

1167 (1254) Oxford, UK University of Oxford

1209 (1231) Cambridge, UK University of Cambridge

1218 Salamanca, Spain University of Salamanca

1222 Padua, Italy University of Padua

1224 Naples, Italy University of Naples Federico II

1229 Toulouse, France University of Toulouse

1240 Siena, Italy University of Siena

1241 Valladolid, Spain University of Valladolid

*Source: View of Notre Dame from the front, http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Facade-notre- dame-paris-ciel-bleu.JPG*

***Document G:***

 *Gothic Cathedrals Cathédrale Notre Dame de Paris, or Our Lady of Paris Cathedral, is one of the most famous gothic cathedrals in Europe. The gothic style of architecture was common in the late Middle Ages. Common features of gothic cathedrals included architectural innovations, including: large columns, high celings with ribbed vaults, flying buttresses, and large stained glass windows. Gothic cathedrals were usually the tallest and largest buildings in a city. Notre Dame is 420 ft. long, 226 ft. wide, and its two towers are 226 ft. high. Construction on the cathedral began in 1163 and was completed in 1345.*

Source: View of Notre Dame from the River Seine,



Flying buttress

*Source: View of Notre Dame’s South Rose Window, http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:GothicRayonnantRose003. jpg*

**Guiding Questions

**Round Three**

**Document F and G:** European Universities and Notre Dame Cathedral

1. In what century were the oldest European universities founded and the

construction of Notre Dame Cathedral begun?

2. Does the founding of universities and construction of Notre Dame conflict with or

match the textbook accounts of the Middle Ages? Explain.

3. Is Wikipedia a reliable source? Why or why not?

**Claims Organizer Was the time period between 400 AD and 1400 AD a “Dark Age” for Europe? Was this a time of cultural decay and decline?**

**Third Claim**

**List 4-5 pieces of evidence from these documents that support your claim**

**1)**

**2)**

**3)**

**4)**

**5)**