History 4 B: Midterm review suggestions:

EXAM DESIGN:

Part I: Identification.
Be prepared to identify names or terms that we have discussed in class. You should be able to explain who or what it was, where, when, how or why, and its historical significance. You could also tell us if it is mentioned in a reading.

Part II: Essay.
We will evaluate your essays on how well you state a thesis and then draw on evidence from all aspects of the course (lectures, discussion section, reader, textbook) to back up your argument with concrete, specific historical examples. Be sure to pick the essay for which you can remember the most concrete information.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:
These are not the essay questions. They are more general. As you outline answers, include the concrete evidence you could use.

1. What factors limited the power and authority of medieval rulers? How did different rulers seek to expand their power and authority between the 11th and 13th centuries? What were some of the results?

2. What factors shaped relations between the Christian Church and the secular powers from the 11th through the 13th centuries? What were the major sources of conflict?

3. The Christian Church from the 11th to the 13th centuries changed dramatically. In what ways? Institutions? Relations with secular powers? New religious movements? How might these changes be explained?

4. We have argued that medieval society at times relied on the supernatural to guarantee order. Why? What are some examples? What were some consequences? How and why did this change over the period we have studied?

5. We have seen that medieval Christian leaders struggled to find ways to cope with dissident or minority individuals and groups. Why? What kinds of strategies did leaders pursue to cope with difference? Did this change during the period we have studied?

6. We have been looking at Europe in a period of rapid economic and demographic growth. What were some of the causes of that growth? What were some consequences?

7. The twelfth and thirteenth centuries saw the rise of administrative bureaucracy. What were some of the causes? Consequences?

8. In the periods we have studied, the church employed various strategies to deal with what it perceived as problems in lay society. What kinds of problems were addressed? What strategies did church authorities use? Were they effective? Consequences?

PLEASE NOTE: You are required to write your exam in new, untorn blue books.