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| **Rays of Light** | **Very Dark Indeed** |
| St. Patrick - 400’s | Germanic Barbarians – 410-500’s* Visigoths - Alaric
* Franks – Clovis, Charles Martel
* Vandals - Genseric
* Lombards
* Saxons
* Anglo Saxons
* Celts
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| St. Benedict – 480-543 |  |
| Justinian and Theodora - 527 | The Huns 406-453* Attila
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| Mohammed – 570-632 |  |
| Math, Science, Medicine and Philosophy in the Middle East |  |
| St. Bede 672-735 | Vikings – 835 (Canute, Rollo) |
| The development of Universities | Feudalism |
| Illustrated Books | Daily Life in Medieval Times |
| Chivalry |  |
| Mechanical Clocks |  |
| Catholic Monasteries  |  |
| Charlemagne - 800 | Crusades – 1096 (begins) |
| Alfred the Great - 871 | The Mongols – 1206* Destruction of Baghdad and its libraries
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| The Mongols – 1206* Religious Freedom
* Sharing of Asian Learning
 | King John - 1215 |
| The Magna Carta - 1215 | Hundred Year’s War 1337 |
| Marco Polo -1271 | Black Death - 1347 |
| Joan of Arc - 1431 | England’s Peasant Revolt - 1381 |
| Kievan Rus* Vladimir the Great – 980-1015
* Ivan the Great – 1440-1505
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<http://www.ducksters.com/history/middle_ages_timeline.php> for an easy read on most of these topics.

As you can see with the Mongols, many of these could fit on either side, depending on your perspective. Be creative!