Lesson One
1 Great Chessboard
   ThinkWrite 1: Investigation Supreme!
2 A “Cast of Thousands”—The Barbarians Onstage
   ThinkWrite 2: “Shuffling the deck!”
   2a General overview
   2b Attila the Hun

Lesson Two
3 Heart of a Barbarian
   ThinkWrite 3: “What’cha believe?”
   3a General overview
   3b Beowulf
4 Angles and Saxons Come for a Visit
   Activities

Lesson Three
5 Mighty King Arthur
   ThinkWrite 4: “Yeah, King Arthur!”
   5a General overview
   Activities
   5b Related stories
   5c Celts
6 Clovis and the Franks

Lesson Four
7 Spain and Italy...and Their Unwelcome Guests
8 Justinian Has His Say
   8a Justinian
   8b Theodora
   8c Belisarius
   8d Byzantine history
   Activities
   8e Byzantine art and architecture

Lesson Five
9 The Church Bursts Forth!
   9a General overview
   9b Monasteries and monks
   Activities
   9c St. Benedict
   9d Irish monks
   9e Columba of Scotland
Lesson Six
10 Meanwhile, Back on the Ranch (France and Spain)
   10a Franks and Visigothic Spain
   10b *Nibelungenlied*

Lesson Seven
11 New Force: Islam
   11a General overview
   11b In-depth study

Lesson Eight
12 A Case of Bad Timing: Frankish Chaos with the “Mayors of the Palace”

Lesson Nine
13 Islam on the March: Moorish Spain
14 Islam Reaches Deeper: Charles Martel and the Battle of Poitiers/Tours

Lesson Ten
15 Pepin the Short...and Church Power
16 Roll Out the Red Carpet for a “Star” of the Dark Ages—Charlemagne
   *ThinkWrite 5:* “Charlemagne—how great was he?”
   16a Charlemagne
   16b Roland, Charlemagne’s knight
   16c Haroun al-Rashid, caliph

Lesson Eleven
17 Chaos Propels Europe to Feudalism...on the Eve of Another Invasion!
   *ThinkWrite 6:* “Feudalism”
   17a Feudalism
   17b General overview of the Middle Ages
      Activities
   17c Knights
      Activities

Lesson Twelve
18 Viking Raids!
   Activities
19 England Reels under Viking Attacks: Alfred the Great
   19a Egbert the Saxon
   19b Alfred the Great
   19c Alfred’s descendants continue to resist the Vikings
   19d Ethelred the Unready and Edmund Ironside
   19e Canute, the Danish king of England
   19f Edward the Confessor: England returns to a Saxon king
   19g Scottish focus: Macbeth and Queen Margaret
Lesson Twelve
20 Frankland Reels under Viking Attacks: Eudes, Rollo, and Hugh Capet
21 Leif Ericson: A Big Discovery and a Bigger Change!
   *ThinkWrite 7: “Leif turns over a new leaf!”*

Lesson Thirteen
22 Off to Russia!
23 Off to Germany!
24 Off to Spain!

Lesson Fourteen
25 The Church at the Year 1000
   *ThinkWrite 8: “Darkness Lifts”*
26 Norman Conquest!
   26a Harold Godwinson and William the Conqueror
   26b Tower of London and Norman-Romanesque architecture
   26c Anselm
   26d Hereward the Wake

Lesson Fifteen
27 Castles
   Activities
28 Crusades
   *ThinkWrite 9: “Crusade!”*
   28a General overview
   Activities
   28b Persecution of Jews in Europe

Lesson Sixteen
29 The Plot Thickens
30 A Crazy Couple: Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine
   30a Henry and Eleanor
   30b Henry II and Archbishop Thomas à Becket
   30c Henry II conquer portions of Ireland

Lesson Seventeen
31 Richard the Lionheart
   31a King Richard
   31b Saladin
   31c Krak des Chevaliers
32 Prince John, the Magna Charta, and Robin Hood
   32a Prince John and the Magna Charta
   32b Robin Hood
Lesson Eighteen
33 France in the Twelfth Century...and the Birth of Gothic Cathedrals
   33a Doings in France
   33b Bernard of Clairvaux and Abbe Suger
   33c Magnificent medieval cathedrals
   33d Stained glass windows
Activities
   33e Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris
34 Germany in the Twelfth Century and Frederick Barbarossa

Lesson Nineteen
35 Medieval Towns
   ThinkWrite 10: “Division!”
   35a General overview
   Activities
   35b Guilds and the Hanseatic League
   35c Venice and Genoa
36 Good ‘Ol Stories
   36a General Fiction
   36b Kings and queens, princesses and peas, and wonderful kingdoms
   36c Falconry
   36d Minstrels, bards, and troubadours

Lesson Twenty
37 New Voices in the Church: Dominic, Francis of Assisi, and Others
   37a St. Francis and Clare of Assisi
   37b St. Dominic
   37c Monks and nuns
   37d Peter Waldo (Valdes) and the Waldensians
   37e Theodoric
   37f Other Christian figures
38 Terror Strikes Europe: Genghis Khan and the Mongol Invaders

Lesson Twenty-One
39 Thirteenth Century
   39a Food, clothing, and homes
   Activities
   39b Great Mathematician: Leonard Fibonacci (Leonard of Pisa)
   39c General medieval handcrafts and art
   39d Knights (later)
   39e Frederick II
30 Louis: King and Saint

Lesson Twenty-Two
41 England Gets a Real Parliament
42 Medieval Learning: Thomas Aquinas and Roger Bacon
   42a Thomas Aquinas
   42b Roger Bacon
42c  Medieval thought and education

Lesson Twenty-Three
43  Marco Polo
   43a  Polo's journey
       Activities
   43b  Kublai Khan
44  Giotto
       Activities

Lesson Twenty-Four
45  House of Hapsburg

Lesson Twenty-Five
47  William Tell
48  John Wycliffe
   ThinkWrite 11: “What's up with Wycliffe?”

Lesson Twenty-Six
49  Hundred Years' War Begins
   49a  General overview
       Activities
   49b  Flanders, and conflict over wool trade
50  Bubonic Plague

Lesson Twenty-Seven
51  Charles the Wise
52  Peasant Revolts

Lesson Twenty-Eight
53  Young King and a Young Cousin—Richard II and Henry Bolingbroke
   53a  General overview
   53b  Dick Whittington...and his cat!
54  Moorish Spain
   54a  General overview
   54b  Alhambra

Lesson Twenty-Nine
55  A Famous Book: Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales
56  Hundred Years' War Winds Down...Thanks to a Teenage Girl!
   56a  General overview
   56b  Joan of Arc

Lesson Thirty
57  Tamerlane (Timur)
58  Drawing the Curtain on the Middle Ages