

**Outcome 5.1:** describe the worldview of Western Europeans during the mid-to-late Pre-Modern Era.

Read *“The Power of the Church”* and *“Denying the Sun”* on pages 76-81 to learn about the medieval worldview.

1. **Knowledge:** What groups held power and authority in medieval Europe? Explain.

2. **Cause and Consequence:** How did the power of the Catholic Church influence religion and law?

3. **Cause and Consequence:** What was lay investiture? Why was this an important issue in the 11th century? How was it resolved?

4. **Comparison:** Read “Denying the Sun” on p. 80-81. Compare Aristotle’s view of geocentrism to Ptolemy’s.

Aristotle	Similarities	Ptolemy

5. **Perspective:** Science would eventually disprove the geocentric theory. Why would the Church have difficulty accepting the growing evidence against this worldview?

6. **Conclusion:** Based on what you have read in these sections, explain how you think the average person in the Middle Ages viewed nature, the world, and their place in it. What evidence supports your thinking?