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Facts to Know

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<b>Attila</b>	<i>Hun warlord; "Scourge of God" and "Fear of the World"</i>
<b>Hermit of the Rocks</b>	<i>hermit who prophesied that Attila would be a conqueror of nations</i>
<b>Theodosius II</b>	<i>son of Arcadius; Eastern Roman emperor; plotted to murder Attila, but failed</i>
<b>Aetius</b>	<i>Western Roman general; defeated Attila at Chalons</i>
<b>Theodoric</b>	<i>Visigoth chief who joined forces with Aetius at Chalons</i>
<b>Thorismond</b>	<i>son of Theodoric; took command of the Visigoth force after his father's death; saved the day for Aetius</i>
<b>Valentinian III</b>	<i>Western Roman emperor; supporter of Pope Leo I; succeeded his uncle Honorius</i>
<b>Pope Leo I</b>	<i>persuaded Attila not to attack Rome</i>

*"I shall never be defeated in battle as long as I fight with the sword of Tiew."* **Attila**

*"Here I will perish in the flames, rather than surrender to my enemies."* **Attila**

Vocabulary

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- ransom \_\_\_\_\_
- enraged \_\_\_\_\_
- barbarous \_\_\_\_\_



## Attila the Hun (434-453)

### Comprehension Questions

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1. Describe the prophecy of the Hermit of the Rocks. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How did Attila acquire the sword of Tiew? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why did Attila renew war after agreeing with Theodosius to make peace? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why did the Visigoths unite with Aetius against the Huns? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What was significant about Attila's defeat at Chalons? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. After campaigning in Italy the following year, why did Attila decide not to attack Rome?  
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7. Discuss the fate of the Huns after Attila's death and what it says about their power.  
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### Activities

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1. Locate on your maps: Cities                      Bodies of Water  
**Orleans**                                      **Adriatic Sea**  
**Chalons**  
**Aquileia**  
**Venice**
2. Begin a timeline of the Middle Ages in graphic form. Start your timeline with the sack of Rome by Alaric and the battle of Chalons. Leave plenty of room for additions. Refer to the timeline in the Appendix.