Final Guiding Questions:

1. Why has the term “Dark Ages” to describe the Middle Ages been debated by historians? Do you think it is a valid description? Why or why not? What is the best way to describe the Middle Ages?
2. Why do historians label time periods? What is the danger in this? What are the challenges in trying to describe different periods of history?
3. What other sources would you analyze to continue exploring the issue of cultural progress or decline during the Middle Ages?