

Economic Recovery Sparks Change

I. Agricultural revolution changed Europe in 1000's

- A. New technologies allowed farmers to grow more crops
- B. Food production increased and the population grew

II. Warfare and invasions declined

- A. Trade expanded into the Middle East and Asia
- B. Trade leagues formed

III. Growing trade led to a commercial revolution

- A. Modern business practices such as partnerships, insurance, and credit develop
- B. The use of money caused changes to the feudal system

IV. A new middle class emerged

- A. Merchants and artisans formed guilds to protect their interest

V. Towns and cities grew

- A. Rapid growth led to overcrowding
 - 1. caused disease to spread.