How did the culture of

Medieval Europe develop and why did it change over time?

***The Renaissance***

***Fall of the Roman Empire***

* Return to civilization
* Stronger governments
* Modern nations develop
* Increased time for individuals to pursue studies in science, art, history, politics etc.
* Barbarian Invasions
* Weak military
* Economic collapse
* Over expansion
* Overspending
* Government corruption
* Rise of Christianity

**The High Middle-Ages 1050-1300 AD**

**Late Middle- Ages 1300-1500 AD**

* Localized Focus:
* Concern on daily survival
* Local languages (vernacular) replace Latin as a common language
* From a focus on survival to prosperity, organization, use of time
* Crusades reopen trade routes and access to diverse goods
* Increase in rural population
* Decrease in urban populations
* Increased fighting over land and resources
* Loss of Literacy, Language, Learning

***Collapse of Trade***

***Revival of Towns and Trade***

***Populations Stabilize***

***The Catholic Church becomes the stabilizing force throughout Europe***

* Local governance
* Spiritual guidance in a chaotic time.
* Learning confined to church texts from clergy. No access for laymen.
* Church grows corrupt over time
* Improved farming methods (Three-field system, horsepower, improved plow)
* Increased food supply
* Population growth- longer life spans

**Early Middle-Ages 500-1050 AD**

* Learning expands beyond confines of Church texts
* Rediscovery of ancient Greek and Roman texts
* Universities become centers of learning

***Cities Abandoned: Exodus to the Country Side***

***Rediscovery of Literacy, Language and Learning***