#### STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP

# READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



## **Dark Ages** (7.6.3)

### Background:

The time period following the fall of Rome in Europe is sometimes known as the "Dark Ages." The term implies that the time between the fall of the Roman Empire and the European Renaissance was a period of decline for Europe.

# Prompt:

Were the "Dark Ages" really dark?

#### Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
  - o Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.