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## Section 2

GUIDED READING *Changes in Medieval Society*

**A. Drawing Conclusions** As you read this section, make notes in the chart to explain the results of each change or trend in medieval society.

1. Farmers began using a new type of harness that fitted across a horse's chest.	→	
2. Using the three-field system, farmers began to grow crops on two-thirds of their land each year, rather than half.	→	
3. Merchant and craft guilds organize and change ways to do business.	→	
4. The Commercial Revolution changes trade and banking practices.	→	
5. As trade blossomed and farming methods improved, the population of western Europe rose from around 30 million to about 42 million between 1000 and 1150.	→	
6. As people left life on the manor for life in towns, they challenged the traditional ways of feudal society in which everyone had a place.	→	
7. Authors began writing in the vernacular.	→	
8. Growing trade and growing cities brought a new interest in learning.	→	
9. Christian scholars from Europe visited Muslim libraries in Spain, and Jewish scholars translated Arabic copies of Greek writings into Latin.	→	

**B. Recognizing Facts and Details** On the back of this paper, briefly explain how each of the following contributed to intellectual life during medieval times: **Dante Alighieri**, **Geoffrey Chaucer**, **Christine de Pisan**, and **Thomas Aquinas**.