

The Powers of the Pope and Church During the Middle Ages

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Popes' and Church's Authority	How did this bring about power?
Dethrone kings	
Supreme lawgiver	
Supreme judge	
Appointed bishops, archbishops, and cardinals	
Excommunicated those who disobeyed the Church	
Interdict - excommunication of entire communities	
Own courts and prisons	
Provided the only schools	
Controlled the marriage, wills, and contracts of the people	
Owned twenty percent of the lands of Europe	
Managed tenant farmers who paid rent to the Church	
People who owned land paid their tax (tithes) to the Church	
Inquisition	
Church controlled the days of warfare known as the Truce of God	
Only the clergy could read and write	
Churchmen exempt from paying taxes to the state, from serving in the army, and from being tried in a state court for any misdeed - benefit of clergy	
Only clergy could give the seven sacraments	