The 11th century

Europe wakes: towns, trade and the Norman conquest.

After the Viking and Magyar raids ended, population and trade grew, Romanesque churches rose, and the first university began to form in Bologna.

What rose

1066. The Norman conquest of England, recorded in the Bayeux Tapestry. Source: Bayeux Tapestry

1086. The Domesday Book surveys England. Source: Domesday Book

1088. The University of Bologna's traditional founding date. Source: University of Bologna

11th c.. The heavy plough and three-field rotation spread, raising harvests. Source: Medieval Warm Period and agriculture

What fell or stalled

The East–West Schism of 1054 split the Church. Source: East–West Schism

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