



Understanding Cause and Effect

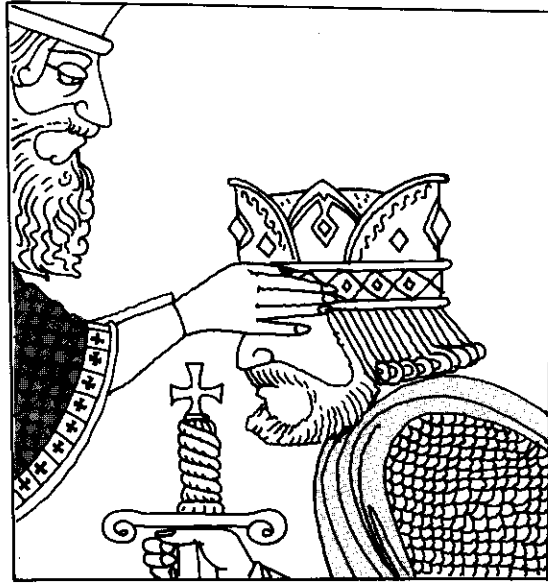
If there had been newspapers in 800 A.D., articles like the one below might have appeared in them. Read the article. Then answer the questions. For help, you can refer to pages 216-217 in your textbook.

Charlemagne Crowned Emperor

On Christmas Day, Pope Leo III placed a crown on the head of Charlemagne. This act has given Europe its first all-powerful emperor since the Roman Empire.

Charlemagne governs from his magnificent castle at Aachen. Over the years he has invited Europe's best scholars to his court, leading Aachen to become one of the most important centers of learning in the world.

During his rule, Charlemagne has led many major military campaigns. As a result, he has nearly doubled the size of the kingdom and united a great variety of people under the same rule.



1. What effect did Pope Leo III's crowning of Charlemagne have on Europe?

2. What caused Aachen to become one of the most important centers of learning in the world? _____

3. How can recognizing causes and effects help you understand history?

