

Name Charlemagne (Charles the Great)

Lived from 742 to 814

From where? Gaul / Frankish Kingdom

Important Facts/Events: Son of Pepin, king of Gaul

Co-ruled w/ bro (Carloman) from 768 -

771 when Carloman died

at Pope Adrian's request, Conquered Lombards
& kept territory.

Conquered & Converted Saxons

Able administrator - "Missi Dominici"

valued & encouraged education -

developed schools & libraries

AD 800, crowned Emperor in Rome

by Pope Leo III.

could read but never learned to write

Empire passed to son, Louis the Pious

who was a weak leader

Treaty of Verdun divided empire

between 3 grandsons

Feudal System began as way for

him to administer empire