Name: Section:

**Power of the Church (Day 6)** → King Henry IV

Part One: Context for Struggle between Pope Gregory VII and King Henry IV

Directions: List examples to the answer the Essential Question--

*Why was there a power struggle between Pope Gregory VII and King Henry IV?* (List the examples you find)

Part Two: Summarize the Letter

Directions: You and your group will read the letter of King Henry IV. The letter is broken up into sections. Below each section, summarize what King Henry IV is telling Pope Gregory VII.

**Section One:**

“Thou hast won favor from common herd by crushing them; thou hast looked upon all of them as knowing nothing, upon thy sole self, moreover, as knowing all things. This knowledge, however, thou hast used not for edification (teaching) but for destruction.”

**Section Two:**

“As if the kingdom and the empire were in thine (yours) and not in God’s hand! And this although our Lord Jesus Christ did call us to the kingdom, did not, call thee to the priesthood. For thou has ascended by the following steps: By money, thou received favor; by the sword, thou received the throne of peace. And from the throne of peace thou hast disturbed peace.”

**Section Three:**

“For himself, the true pope, Peter, also exclaims: ‘Fear God, honor the king.’ Let another ascend the throne of St. Peter, who shall not practice violence under the cloak of religion, but shall teach the sound doctrine of St. Peter. I, Henry, king by the grace of God, do say unto thee, together with all our bishops: Descend, descend, to be damned throughout the ages.”

Part Three: Restate Your Letter

Directions: Below, restate the Henry IV’s argument in contemporary language. You will read this aloud to “Pope Gregory VII”.

Part Four: Overall Question

1. There was an obvious power struggle between the popes and German empires during this time. Could this have lasting implications on Europe? Yes or No? Explain.