**Life in 999: A Grim Struggle, pgs. 30-31 (10 points)**

1. Summarize this excerpt: (3 points)
2. Why might a writer use the concept of speed to define a particular historical age? (2 points)
3. The main idea of this excerpt is that life expectancy in Anglo-Saxon Age was short. What details does the author cite to support his point? (3 points)
4. What metaphor does the author use to sum up the millennial period in Europe? What does the author mean by this? (2 points)