Church History Project

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Saint of the Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
(Pray for me!)

Instructions: Once you have time traveled and picked up 8 items to connect to 8 different Church History events, fill in the information below. Be sure and completely explain how each item connects to each event. When you are finished, follow the saving and dropping instructions at the top of this page.

#1 Event name: The Church's Ups and Downs  Date(s): AD 1100s-1500s
Item: Garage Door Opener
Explanation of how item connects to this event: A garage door opener can make a garage door go UP or DOWN. During the 12th-16th centuries the Catholic Church went "up" (close to God) and "down" (away from God) numerous times.

Some "ups" during this time: First of all, beautiful Gothic architecture was developed and used often during this time, which helped teach people about the Catholic faith and also helped lift their minds and hearts to Heaven. During this time the Church also experienced the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the start of new mendicant orders of brothers and sisters (groups that lived poor and preached the Gospel everywhere they went). As well, St. Thomas Aquinas and many other smart cookies helped explain the Bible and theological teachings in new, amazing ways. And lastly, universities were created by the Catholic Church which in turn gave rise to many new discoveries in science and eventually formed into the school system we have today.

Some "downs" during this time: Catholics and Muslims fought and killed each other over stolen land during numerous "Crusades". Some people were punished, tortured, and even killed for being heretics during the "Inquisition". For a period of time the pope moved away from Rome to live in France. And lastly, two "anti-popes" were elected during this time which created a great deal of confusion of who the leader of the Church was.

#2 Event name: The Fall  Date(s): Unknown (pre-history)
Item: A slinky
Explanation of how item connects to this event: Slinkies are well known for slinking down staircases. The event known as "The Fall" is when Adam and Eve, who were previously happy and sin-free (at the top of the stairs), "fell" away from God by choosing to disobey His commands and listen to the devil. As a result, Adam and Eve "slinkied" their way away from God and crashed at the bottom of the stairs.

#3 Event name:  Date(s): 
Item: 
Explanation of how item connects to this event: