

beacon

a fire or light  
used as a signal to  
guide or warn

caravans

groups of merchants or  
pilgrims traveling  
together for safety  
through difficult or  
dangerous country

legacy

something handed  
down from an ancestor  
or predecessor;  
heritage

manuscripts

handwritten or  
keyboarded books or  
articles

medieval

of or belonging to the  
Middle Ages  
(500-1450)

observatory

a building or room  
equipped with telescopes  
and other devices for  
watching and studying  
astronomical objects

patron

a person who gives  
approval and support  
to some person, art,  
cause, or undertaking