**Guided Reading Exercise**

**Chapter 9: From Centralization to Fragmentation, 750–1050**

**What forces led to the dissolution—or weakening—of centralized governments in the period 750–1050, and what institutions took their place?**

*Download and save this document so you can return to it as you take notes and for studying.*As you read the chapter, fill in the chart to help understand the forces of weakening that threatened centralized governments and what institutions took their place. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; if, however, you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.

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|  | In the Islamic world | In the Byzantine Empire | In Europe |
| Forces of weakening |  |  |  |
| New institutions of power and stability |  |  |  |