



**Map 9.2 German Expansion to the East** This map shows how German-speaking people moved east in the Central Middle Ages, across the Elbe and down the Danube, into lands once held by the Slavs. Between 1100 and 1300, these settlements roughly doubled the area of German influence. This map also shows a later development: that is, the control that the German military order of the Teutonic Knights exercised over the north Baltic by the late fourteenth century.