Hildegard von Bingen

NOTES (ANSWERS)

- Hildegard von Bingen lived around 900 years ago.
- Hildegard was her family’s 10th child.
- When Hildegard was 8, her parents sent her to a convent.
- Jutta trained Hildegard and taught her about the church.
- Hildegard claimed to have visions from God.
- Hildegard invented her own language to use in many of her poems and songs.
- She wrote poems and set nearly 80 of them to music.
- Most of the music for the church during Hildegard’s time was chant sung by men.
- Hildegard composed her music to be sung by the nuns of her order.
- No other composer of the period wrote music for female voices.
- She wrote an encyclopedia describing various herbal medicines, biographies of saints, religious books, and a play.
- Hildegard never officially became a Saint.
- Hildegard’s music is known as plainsong chant, the type of music sung in churches during the Middle Ages.