

MEDIEVAL SCRAPBOOK

PURPOSE:

By completing this assignment you will increase your appreciation and knowledge of life in the European Middle Ages.

RESOURCES:

Internet directories and other specific sources dealing with the Middle Ages have been linked on the Ms.S.Work Humanities Assignment Web Sites page. Use Ms.S.Work as your portal or bookmark the sites you like.

ASSIGNMENT:

You will be responsible for two Scrapbook entries. Assignments will be given in class.

PRESENTATION:

1. The scrapbook should be constructed using standard 8 1/2 x 11 in. white paper.
 - a. Maintain a one inch margin--for all four sides.
 - b. Use Times New Roman 12 pt. font.
2. Use the three-hole punch in 118 to assemble your pages.
3. Each scrapbook item/entry must be clearly labeled.
 - a. Top of Page: Topic name
 - b. Item name
 - c. After each researched item, you must cite your source (applies to all--even pictures).
 - d. You may include more than one item on a page.
4. Write your name on the back of each of your pages.

SCRAPBOOK TOPICS:

The Medieval Monastery and Monasticism

1. Find and copy a picture of a European monastery that dates back to the Middle Ages.
2. Find and list the canonical hours.
3. Read some excerpts from the Rule of St. Benedict. Copy one of the rules (Chapters 8-20) that deals with the canonical hours.
4. Reflection: Why were the canonical hours an important part of monastery life?
5. Find and copy a picture of a page from a religious illuminated manuscript from the Middle Ages.
6. Reflection: Why was religious life in the monastery so attractive to both medieval men and women.

Medieval Nobility and Warfare A.

1. Find information about the medieval castle. Identify and describe the main parts of a castle.
2. Find and copy a picture of a medieval castle.
3. Reflection: Where would be a good place to build a castle? Why? What do you think was the most important part of the castle?
4. Find and copy an excerpt from a feudal contract that indicates at least one responsibility of the lord to his vassal, and at least one responsibility of the vassal to his lord.
5. Reflection: What part did loyalty play in the feudal contract?

Medieval Nobility and Warfare B.

1. Find and copy a picture of two of the following medieval weapons and describe how each was used.
 - a. Crossbow
 - b. Longbow
 - c. Trebuchet
 - d. Mangonel (catapult)
 - e. Siege tower
 - f. Battle sword
2. Find and copy a picture of a medieval suit of armor.
3. Reflection: What were the advantages and disadvantages of the medieval style of warfare.
4. Find and copy an excerpt from a letter from a Crusader.
5. Reflection: What inferences about the crusaders' experiences can be drawn from this letter?

Medieval Daily Life

1. Find and copy a picture of medieval clothing for a member of the nobility, a towns person, and a peasant/serf.
For each picture, be sure to indicate the country, social class, and gender.
2. Reflection: How was social class demonstrated by the clothing people wore?
3. Contrast the foods that were typically eaten by the nobility and the peasants.
4. Find and copy a medieval recipe.
5. Reflection: Overall, do you think the medieval Europeans had a balanced diet? What kinds of foods were not available to medieval people?

Medieval Towns

1. Find and copy an excerpt from a medieval town charter.
2. Reflection: What basic rights and obligations did townspeople have?
3. Find and copy a picture of a medieval Gothic cathedral.
4. Find and copy a picture of a medieval town or medieval town buildings.
5. Find and copy an excerpt from a guild (gild) contract.
6. Reflection: What were the advantages of life in a medieval town ?

Medieval Drama and Literature

1. Define: mystery play, miracle play, morality play.
2. Name and write a brief annotation of two Internet sources that relate to one of the following.
 - a. King Arthur
 - b. Roland
 - c. Robin Hood
 - d. Holy Grail
3. Reflect: What values of medieval society are reflected in the drama and literature of the times?
4. Find and copy an excerpt of an Old or Middle English play, song, or tale.
5. Reflection: What words do you recognize? Speculate why they were spelled that way.