

Medieval History Fundamentals

History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which social and political system characterized Europe during the Middle Ages, based on the exchange of land for military service?

- A) Capitalism
- B) Feudalism**
- C) Democracy
- D) Socialism

2. What was the primary purpose of a castle during the medieval period?

- A) Public entertainment
- B) Educational center
- C) Defense and residence**
- D) Religious worship

3. Which document, signed in 1215, limited the power of the English monarchy and established the principle that everyone is subject to the law?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Declaration of Independence
- D) The Domesday Book

4. Who was the Frankish king crowned 'Emperor of the Romans' by Pope Leo III in 800 AD?

- A) Charlemagne**
- B) Clovis I
- C) Charles Martel
- D) Louis the Pious

5. What were the series of religious wars sanctioned by the Latin Church from the 11th to the 13th century known as?

- A) The Hundred Years' War
- B) The Reconquista
- C) The Crusades**
- D) The War of the Roses

6. In the feudal system, what was a 'fief'?

- A) A type of medieval coin
- B) A piece of land granted to a vassal**
- C) A peasant worker
- D) A military weapon

7. Which religious institution was the most powerful and influential force in medieval Europe?

A) The Eastern Orthodox Church

B) The Roman Catholic Church

C) The Anglican Church

D) The Protestant Church

8. What was the name of the plague that killed a large percentage of the European population in the mid-14th century?

A) The Spanish Flu

B) The Black Death

C) The Great Plague of London

D) Smallpox

9. Which trade organization controlled commerce in northern Europe during the Middle Ages?

A) The Silk Road

B) The Hanseatic League

C) The East India Company

D) The Guild of Merchants

10. What were the skilled workers and craftsmen in medieval towns organized into to control prices and quality?

A) Guilds

B) Unions

C) Clans

D) Corporations

11. Who was the French peasant girl who led the French army to victory during the Hundred Years' War?

A) Eleanor of Aquitaine

B) Joan of Arc

C) Marie Antoinette

D) Catherine de' Medici

12. In what architectural style, characterized by pointed arches and flying buttresses, were many medieval cathedrals built?

A) Romanesque

B) Gothic

C) Renaissance

D) Baroque

13. What was the term for a peasant who was legally bound to the land and could not leave without the lord's permission?

- A) Serf**
- B) Knight
- C) Merchant
- D) Monk

14. What was the primary language of the Church and scholars in medieval Western Europe?

- A) French
- B) German
- C) Latin**
- D) English

15. Which century is often considered the beginning of the High Middle Ages?

- A) 5th century
- B) 11th century**
- C) 15th century
- D) 17th century

16. What was the 'Domesday Book' commissioned by William the Conqueror used for?

- A) Recording religious laws
- B) Conducting a land and population survey**
- C) Listing all knights in England
- D) Recording the history of the Crusades

17. What was the code of conduct followed by medieval knights?

- A) Sharia
- B) Chivalry**
- C) Common Law
- D) Feudal Law

18. Which group of invaders from Scandinavia frequently raided coastal towns in Europe starting in the late 8th century?

- A) Mongols
- B) Vikings**
- C) Huns
- D) Moors