

Medieval History Fundamentals

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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