

Medieval Merriment and Mayhem

Medieval History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What was the name of the strong, fortified homes built by lords and ladies during medieval times to protect themselves?

- A) Palaces
- B) Castles**
- C) Towers
- D) Manors

2. Who were the warriors who fought on horseback, often serving a lord or king, and wore armour?

- A) Knights**
- B) Kings
- C) Peasants
- D) Merchants

3. What was the system of social organization where land was exchanged for loyalty and military service called?

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

4. What was the main religion practiced by most people in medieval Europe?

- A) Buddhism
- B) Islam
- C) Judaism
- D) Christianity**

5. What were the large, religious buildings, often grand and ornate, where monks and nuns lived and worshipped called?

- A) Guild halls
- B) Castles
- C) Monasteries**
- D) Baths

6. What disease, also known as the Black Death, spread rapidly across Europe in the 14th century and killed many people?

- A) The Flu
- B) The Common Cold
- C) The Plague**
- D) Measles

7. What were the groups of skilled workers, like blacksmiths or weavers, who joined together to control their trade called?

- A) Armies
- B) Guilds**
- C) Parliaments
- D) Universities

8. Which famous explorer from Venice travelled to China in the 13th century and wrote about his experiences?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) Marco Polo**
- D) Leif Erikson

9. What were the series of religious wars fought between Christians and Muslims for control of the Holy Land called?

- A) The Hundred Years' War
- B) The Viking Raids
- C) The Crusades**
- D) The Norman Conquest

10. What invention, introduced to Europe from China, greatly improved the way people wrote and spread knowledge?

- A) The Wheel
- B) The Printing Press**
- C) The Compass
- D) The Telescope

11. What was the name given to the common people who worked the land and had little power during the Middle Ages?

- A) Nobles
- B) Knights
- C) Clergy
- D) Peasants**

12. Which country did William the Conqueror, a Norman duke, invade and become king of in 1066?

- A) France
- B) Scotland
- C) England**
- D) Ireland