

Medieval History Quiz

History · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What was the primary role of a serf in the feudal system?

- A) To serve as a knight in the king's army
- B) To farm the lord's land in exchange for protection**
- C) To trade goods between distant kingdoms
- D) To manage the daily operations of a monastery

2. Which architectural style, popular in the late Middle Ages, is characterized by pointed arches and flying buttresses?

- A) Romanesque
- B) Byzantine
- C) Gothic**
- D) Classical

3. In 1215, King John of England was forced to sign a document that limited his power and protected the rights of nobles. What is this document called?

- A) The Domesday Book
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Edict of Nantes
- D) The Treaty of Verdun

4. What was the main purpose of the Crusades?

- A) To establish trade routes with the Americas
- B) To capture the city of Jerusalem and the Holy Land**
- C) To unite all of Europe under a single democratic government
- D) To invent new technologies like the printing press

5. Which religious institution held the most significant political and social power across Europe during the Middle Ages?

- A) The Eastern Orthodox Church
- B) The Roman Catholic Church**
- C) The Islamic Caliphate
- D) The Buddhist Sangha

6. What is the term used for the code of conduct followed by medieval knights?

- A) Feudalism
- B) Chivalry**
- C) Monasticism
- D) Guild system

7. The Black Death, which devastated Europe in the 14th century, was primarily spread by:

A) Polluted water supplies

B) Fleas living on rats

C) Insects in the wheat crops

D) Direct contact with contaminated gold coins

8. In medieval towns, what was the primary function of a guild?

A) To protect and regulate the interests of workers in a specific craft

B) To organize the defense of the town walls

C) To collect taxes for the local lord

D) To provide medical care to the poor