

Elementary Medieval History Quiz

Medieval History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What was the deep, water-filled ditch built around a medieval castle for protection called?

- A) A moat**
- B) A trench
- C) A canal
- D) A drawbridge

2. What suit of armor material did medieval knights wear to protect their bodies in battle?

- A) Leather padding
- B) Metal plates**
- C) Chain umbrellas
- D) Wooden armor

3. Who held the highest position of power in the European feudal system hierarchy?

- A) A knight
- B) A peasant
- C) The king**
- D) A merchant

4. Which famous historical document was signed in England in 1215 to limit the power of the king?

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

5. Which group of seafaring explorers and warriors came from Scandinavia during the Middle Ages?

- A) The Vikings**
- B) The Romans
- C) The Aztecs
- D) The Spartans

6. What major epidemic spread across Europe during the 14th century, carried by fleas on rats?

- A) The Flu
- B) The Spanish Plague
- C) The Black Death**
- D) Smallpox

7. Which teenage French girl led troops during the Hundred Years' War and became a famous heroine?

- A) Queen Elizabeth I
- B) Joan of Arc**
- C) Marie Antoinette
- D) Cleopatra

8. What was the popular medieval contest where two knights on horseback charged at each other with lances?

- A) Fencing
- B) Archery
- C) Jousting**
- D) Wrestling

9. Which ruler was crowned Emperor of the Romans on Christmas Day in the year 800?

- A) Julius Caesar
- B) Charlemagne**
- C) King Arthur
- D) Alexander the Great

10. In medieval Europe, who painstakingly copied and illustrated books by hand in monasteries?

- A) Monks**
- B) Blacksmiths
- C) Knights
- D) Jesters

11. What was the first stage of training for a young boy learning to become a knight?

- A) A squire
- B) A page**
- C) A lord
- D) A baron

12. What was the strong, heavily fortified central tower inside a castle called?

- A) The dungeon
- B) The keep**
- C) The courtyard
- D) The armory

13. Which large embroidered cloth depicts the events leading up to the Norman Conquest of England in 1066?

- A) The Bayeux Tapestry**
- B) The Rosetta Stone
- C) The Magna Carta Scroll
- D) The Turin Shroud

14. What were the military expeditions undertaken by European Christians to control holy sites in the Middle Ages?

- A) The Punic Wars
- B) The Crusades**
- C) The Napoleonic Wars
- D) The Cold War

15. Which network of trade routes connected Europe, the Middle East, and Asia during medieval times?

- A) The Spice Sea Route
- B) The Royal Road
- C) The Silk Road**
- D) The Amber Path

16. What were medieval farm workers who were legally bound to live and work on a lord's land called?

- A) Serfs**
- B) Merchants
- C) Guildmasters
- D) Squires

17. What unique symbol or set of colorful patterns on a shield identified a knight and his family?

- A) A crown jewel
- B) A coat of arms**
- C) A royal stamp
- D) A knightly seal

18. Which detailed land and livestock survey of England was ordered by William the Conqueror in 1086?

A) The Domesday Book

B) The Canterbury Tales

C) The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle

D) The Book of Kells