



MEDIEVAL MERRIMENT

PATCH PROGRAM



Please complete the following number of activities according to your grade-level:

Daisy – 3

Brownie – 4

Junior – 6

Cadette and up – 8

1. What time period is considered the medieval period or middle ages? Where did this time period take place? Define two of the following words to discover more about the medieval time period: coat of arms, accolade, herald, catapult, troubadour, trencher.
2. Becoming a knight is a great honor. Research different levels of knighthood. What do the different colors of clothing represent? Define two of the following words: joust, dubbing, lance, chivalry, armor. Create a picture of a knight during his accolade or make a poster of the levels of knighthood.
3. Knights always needed to be protected when they went to battle. Research some of the armor and weapons of the medieval times. Examples are: mail, flail, suit of armor, shield, sword, battle ax, spur, mace, arrows. Design your own coat of arms or shield.
4. Where do you think the knights, royal family, and of course, the princesses lived? They lived in large castles that were surrounded by moats. Find out more about the construction of the castle. What are moats, watchtowers, and drawbridges used for? What part of the castle did the royal family live in? Find out more about the construction of the castle or create an art project representing one.
5. After a wedding or grand celebration the royal family would usually have a feast or banquet in the great hall of the castle. There would be magicians, dancers, and singers to entertain the guests. Prepare your own feast and take turns creating entertainment by expressing your talents. Examples of food served: fruits jelly molded into shapes, vegetables, milk, bread, and grape juice. You can also use goblets and trenchers.
6. The clothes, headwear, and jewelry people wore during medieval times informed other people what class they belonged to. Choose one class to learn more about, such as serfs, nobles, princesses, jugglers, painters, weavers, or kings. Create a picture, headwear, or piece of jewelry representing your research.
7. Many writings and books were carefully decorated with beautiful pictures or designs in a variety of colors called illumination. These designs help tell the story in the book and keep it interesting for readers. Create a picture or story using some of the six basic designs that were used in this time period, such as animals, leaves, berries, geometric designs, or fancy lettering.
8. Board games such as checkers, foxes and geese, and chess were favorites among children and adults. Other games or toys that were played by the children were blind man's bluff, horseshoes, dolls, and hobby horses. Choose an activity to learn and play.
9. Medieval towns were small settlements outside the gates of the castle. The streets were not paved and usually made of cobblestone. Outside the shops were signs representing their trade, such as boot for shoemakers, thread for seamstresses, etc. Create a sign that represents a shop or guild (define) during the medieval time period.
10. During the middle ages there was a beginning of holidays and celebrations, some of which are still celebrated. Research one of the celebrations, such as May Day, jousting tournament, trade fairs, Easter, or Christmas. Create a craft representing that celebration.

11. Many beautiful churches or cathedrals were built during the medieval times. The windows were made of stained glass. They told or acted out a biblical story for those who could not read. Create a picture or stained glass window to represent this time period.
12. Research a famous person from the medieval times. Examples include King Arthur, Robin Hood, Joan of Arc, Leonardo da Vinci, or Sir Lancelot. Create a project depicting a famous person or watch a movie. You can also learn one of their traits, such as archery or horseback riding.
13. Some common pastimes for girls or ladies in the middle ages were making homemade pottery, headdresses of flowers, jewelry, decorating hats, candlestick making, and heirloom boxes. Create a craft representing the middle ages.
14. Several people in the middle ages could not read so they told stories with musical instruments. Listen to a medieval story, play an instrument, or create an instrument to play.

Questions? Comments?

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