

Middle Ages: Video Clips Viewing Guide

The Knights: Castle Fortresses

1. Who made major military decisions in the Middle Ages?
2. How were Knights distinguished from common soldiers?
3. Why were chainmail suits replaced by suits of armor?
4. What is the difference between a melee and a joust?
5. When did training for Knighthood begin?

The Clergy: Religious Life

1. Who was often the only village person who could read and write?
2. What are the two oldest English universities?
3. How did the church become so wealthy?
4. Who were bishops?
5. To what was the Protestant Reformation a reaction?
6. What two actions did King Henry VIII take in the 1530s?
7. Describe the life of a monk.

The Serfs: Village Life

1. Basically, what are serfs?
2. What were the basic duties of serf women?
3. What were the basic duties of serf men?
4. What was the most common offense of serfs in the Middle Ages? Why?
5. What was the death tax? What was the death gift?