

Middle Ages Website Activity: Life, the Holy Roman Empire, & the Magna Carta revised 11/05

A. Launch a browser.

B. In the open dialogue box type: <http://www.learner.org/exhibits/middleages/>

1. What does the Latin term, *medium aevum* mean?

2. The Middle Ages extended from approximately _____ to _____ ?

- Scroll down and click on the icon labeled “Enter.”

3. For safety, people in the middle Ages did what?

4. In the “feudal” system, the king awarded “fiefs” to _____ in return for _____.

5. What did the king offer “serfs?”

- Scroll down and click on **Read More About Feudal Life.**

6. The Magna Carta was the first document to do what?

- Click back.

- Click on Religion button

7. Which church was the only church in Europe in the Middle Ages?

8. Why did Catholic churches in the Middle Ages become bigger?

- Click on the **Collapsed Cathedral** icon.

9. Read this page and follow all the instructions. Which famous cathedral collapsed?

- Click back twice.

- Scroll down and click on **Read More About Religion.**

10. Describe the life of a monk or nun.

- Click on **Notre Dame**

11. What was originally on the site where Notre Dame is today?

- Click back twice.

- Click on the **Homes** icon at right.

12. Describe the average Medieval home.

- Click on the **Clothing** icon at right.

13. Describe what people in the Middle Ages wore.

- Click on the **Medieval Hats** icon.

14. Follow the directions to guess who wore each hat. Submit your answer. How many of your guesses were correct?

- Click back twice.

- Click on the **Health** icon at right.

15. What did people of the Middle Ages think *spread* disease? What did people of the Middle Ages think *caused* disease?

- Click on **Medieval M.D.**

16. Treat the patient, Doctor. Did your treatment work?

- Click back twice.

17. Click on the **Arts & Entertainment** icon.

What was a hurdy-gurdy and how was it played?

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- Click on the **Town Life** icon at the right.

18. What led to the decline of feudal life?

Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire

- Go to: <http://www.lucidcafe.com/lucidcafe/library/96apr/Charlemagne.html>

19. What is Charlemagne's name in English?

20. What was restored as a result of his leadership?

21. In 772 he launched what? By 800 Charlemagne was what?

22. By establishing a central government over Western Europe, what did he restore?

23. What happened on Christmas Day 800 A.D.?

24. How did Charlemagne try to improve his people's lives?

The Magna Carta

- Go to <http://www.britannia.com/history/monarchs/mon28.html>

25. How did John get the nickname Lackland?

26. 3rd ¶: When John quarreled with the Church, what happened to him two years later?

27. 4th ¶: Was John popular with his subjects?

28. Middle of 4th ¶: The Magna Carta stressed 3 points:

- a.
- b.
- c.

- Go to http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/magna_carta/

29. When did John sign the Magna Carta?

30. With the Magna Carta, King John placed himself and England's future sovereigns:

31. What did Englishmen bring with them when they left their homeland to establish colonies?

32. When representatives of the young US gathered to draft a constitution, where did they turn to?

33. Where is the heritage of the Magna Carta most clearly apparent?

34. Why did the American Bar Association erect a monument at Runnymede?