

Syllabus for Medieval Times

Sessions 3-4: Fridays 9:00-10:45 A.M.

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Description: Continue the journey through history by delving deep into the fascinating (and sometimes disgusting) world of the Middle Ages! Beginning with the fall of the Ancient Roman Empire, and then over two sessions, we'll follow the thread of history through the barbarian invasions, feudalism, the Crusades, and the plague until we reach the bright spark of the Renaissance. Along the way we'll learn about Knights and Castles, heraldry, Vikings, Samurai warriors, and the advancements in the arts, science, and technology that provide the foundation for our current understanding of the universe.

Materials Needed:

- Notebook dedicated to this class. We will have a lot of notes and materials students will need to keep for the entirety of the semester.

Expectations:

- * This is a participation-based class, so **students will need to be in attendance in order to get credit. (If an absence cannot be avoided the student can arrange to do makeup work during a study session.)**
- * **Students will be expected to take notes** and to keep those notes and other handout materials neatly in their binder or folder. They **must have their class binders/notes & materials with them at every class.**
- * During the course of the class we will be using various building tools for STEAM projects (**scissors, box-cutters, pins, hot glue, water, and more**) **it is each student's responsibility to treat the tools and their fellow students with care and respect.**
- * Final projects will be to **give presentations on a specific subtopic from a civilization of their choice.**

Grading

- 50% Attendance & Participation in class: note-taking and discussion
- 30% In-class projects & group work, care and respect for classmates and tools, final project & presentation
- 20% Homework, notebook checks

Course Outline

WEEK 1: Introduction; Debate activity

WEEKS 2-3: The fall of Rome & the Byzantine Empire

WEEKS 4-5: The spread of Islam

WEEKS 6-7: The Holy Roman Empire

WEEK 8: The Vikings

WEEKS 9-10: The Feudal System

WEEKS 11-12: The Crusades, Richard the Lionheart, Robin Hood & the Magna Carta

WEEKS 13-14: China, Genghis Khan and the Mongol Empire

WEEK 15: The Black Death

WEEK 16: Final Projects & Presentations - **Parents Welcome on final day!!**