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A Word to the Teacher



Middle Ages

Between the fall of the Roman Empire and the Renaissance years, the people of the European countries were involved in a tumultuous age that was to influence profound change around the world.

Medieval Europe, with its succession of dynasties and kings, struggle for power in high places, rigid feudal relationships and the strong influence of Christianity, was a time of great paradox and disorder. From these primitive and unsettled beginnings, however, came a legacy of banks, elected representatives, a middle-class society, universities, respect for the printed word and the value of the individual.

Centuries have passed since that period of time known as the Middle Ages, yet the imprint remains. The contemporary European may be voting in the same parliament buildings, participating in the same festivals, worshipping in the same cathedrals, drinking ale in the same inns and furthering education in the same classrooms.

From the folk song "Oats, peas, beans and barley grow" to the words of Chaucer, this "Age of Faith" left a legacy for every curiosity.

Interest Development Centre



Middle Ages

The purpose of the Interest Development Centre is to stimulate interest in the topic area. The student needs time for browsing and investigation for maximum benefit.

(Beginning ideas . . . you and your students will think of more . . . let parents and other teachers know about the Centre and it will grow without effort.)

MAPS, GLOBES

COPY OF PRAYER OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

SWATCH OF CALICO
PRINT FABRIC

CHESS SET

MODEL OF A CASTLE

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME

FAMILY CRESTS

A CROWN

STAINED GLASS

A CHALICE

EXAMPLES OF ARMOUR

BANNERS

TOYS...Knights, Kings, Queens

COFFEE

UNICORNS (postcards, models...)

BOOKS, VIDEOS, POSTERS ABOUT:

CUSTOMS

GAMES

CHIVALRY

FOODS

FURNITURE

CASTLES

INVENTIONS

CRUSADES

GUILDS

ARCHITECTURE

PAGEANTS & TOURNAMENTS

ART

FEUDALISM

TAPESTRIES

CLOTHING

BANNERS

ARMOUR & WEAPONS

KNIGHTS

HOLIDAYS

ROYALTY

RELIGION

JOAN OF ARC

MONASTERIES

RECORD OR CASSETTES of Gregorian Chants and other music of the time.

1. THE DARK AGES 500 A.D. to 1000 A.D.

... the fall of the old the beginning of the new . . .

Find out about:
the Magna Carta
or
Marco Polo
or
St. Francis of Assisi
or
Attila the Hun
or
Ghengis Khan

Present 5 facts in a ☒ booklet
☒ picture
☒ report to
your class



2. STUDY . . . THINK . . . REACT

Read or listen to

- A story about King Arthur and his knights.
- Another story about Medieval times.

Talk about the story with some friends or with your teacher.

