

Questions About the Life in Medieval Europe  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

1. During the late middle ages, merchants (shopkeepers) and businesspeople hung signs with large pictures over their doors. Why?
  - a. because most people could not read
  - b. it was illegal to make signs with words
  - c. words on signs were prohibited by the church
  - d. none of the above
  
2. What were the benefits for craftspeople in being members of a guild?
  - a. guilds maintained high standards for the quality of the products
  - b. guilds set fair prices and hours of work
  - c. guilds helped take care of members and their families when they were sick and unable to work
  - d. all of the above
  
3. It took years for a young person to learn a trade. Parents sometimes paid the master craftsman for the chance for their child to serve as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to a master.
  - a. journeyman
  - b. apprentice
  - c. charter
  - d. monarch
  
4. What made it difficult for Jews to prosper in business during the Middle Ages?
  - a. many Christian people were hostile or violent toward Jews
  - b. Jews were not allowed to own land
  - c. lords often took property from Jews, or made laws harmful to them
  - d. all of the above
  
5. Which was true about life in medieval towns?
  - a. about half of the children born died before they became adults
  - b. as many girls as boys became master craftspeople
  - c. life at home for most people was warm and cozy
  - d. all of the above
  
6. Which was a method of "treatment" doctors would use with sick people during the disease-filled time of the Middle Ages?
  - a. consulting the positions of the planets.
  - b. bloodletting, where doctors would open a vein in, or apply a leech (worm), to a person's skin to let blood out
  - c. perform "magic" charms to change a person's condition
  - d. all of the above were treatments that might be used

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7. Which was true of people found guilty of serious crimes during the Middle Ages?
  - a. they were not punished because there were no prisons
  - b. they were often punished or executed in public
  - c. they were confined to their own homes as punishment
  - d. none of the above
  
8. Which was an activity people in the Middle Ages enjoyed as entertainment?
  - a. board games and card games
  - b. watching a play with a Bible story or miracle as its theme
  - c. tormenting (mistreating) animals to see how they would react
  - d. all of the above
  
9. What made living in the homes in medieval towns far less comfortable than homes of today?
  - a. people dumped trash and human feces into the rivers
  - b. people usually bathed only about once a week
  - c. windowless homes were filled with smoke from cooking fires and candles
  - d. all of the above
  
10. Why did many towns fight to become independent of the lords who governed them?
  - a. because they resented the lords' demands for taxes
  - b. because they wanted to hang signs with words on them over their businesses
  - c. because they did not like making the same products all day long
  - d. because they wanted the king to allow them to live in his castle