

## Objectives & Essential Standards Covered

**WH.H.3 Understand how conflict and innovation influenced political, religious, economic and social changes in medieval civilizations.**

- WH.H.2.6 Analyze the interaction between the Islamic world and Europe and Asia in terms of increased trade, enhanced technology innovation, and an impact on scientific thought and the arts.
- WH.H.3.1 Explain how religion influenced political power and cultural unity in various regions of the Europe, Asia and Africa (e.g. Carolingian Dynasty, Holy Roman Empire, Ottoman Empire, Mughal Empire, Safavid Empire, etc.).
- WH.H.3.2 Explain how religious and secular struggles for authority impacted the structure of government and society in Europe, Asia, and Africa (e.g. Cluniac Reforms, common law, Magna Carta, conflicts between popes and emperors, Crusades, religious schisms, Hundred Years' War, etc.).
- WH.H.3.3 Analyze how innovations in agriculture, trade and business impacted the economic and social development of various medieval societies (e.g. Feudalism, Agricultural Revolution, Commercial Revolution and development of a banking system, manorial system, growth of towns, etc.).
- WH.H.3.4 Analyze how the desire for farmable land created conflict and impacted the physical environments of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas (e.g. Agricultural Revolution in Europe, Muslim Agricultural Revolution, Mesoamerican and Andean agricultural innovations, etc.).
- WH.H.4.3 Explain how agricultural and technological improvements transformed daily life socially and economically (e.g. growth of towns, creation of guilds, feudalism and the manorial system, commercialization, etc.).



### World History Heritage High School

#### Understanding the Middle Ages:

**The Middle Ages or Medieval times is a stretch of European history that lasted from the 5th until the 14th centuries. It began with the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, and was followed by the Renaissance and the Age of Discovery.**

**The Middle Ages is the middle period of the traditional division of Western history into Classical, Medieval, Modern periods, and Post Modern. The period is subdivided into the Early Middle Ages [Dark Ages], the Middle Ages, and the High Middle Ages.**

# The Middle Ages

## Medieval Times Menu Project

Discovering the Middle Ages through  
Project Based Learning!



## Project Instructions



You will work in your groups to analyze and explain the 5 Key Topics during the Middle Ages and create a presentation for an assigned region of the world:

### Five Key Topics

- Geography
- Culture
- Politics
- Economics
- History

For each Key Topic you need to complete the **Essential Questions** on the right and also generate a Kahoot with 5 Test Questions for your World Region.

## Project Menu Options

### **CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:**

#### **Video Skit**

5 minute “short documentary film” that tells the details of your World Region that also includes a two page manuscript that clearly answers the EQ’s.

#### **Rap/Music Video**

Create a Rap or Music Video about your World Region that includes a two page manuscript that clearly answers the EQ’s.

#### **Google Slides or Power Point**

Create a 20 slide presentation with bulleted informational points, pictures, and other commentary explaining your World Region.

#### **Children’s Story Book**

Create a 15+ page story book for kids with detailed illustrations and words to help them understand your World Region.

## Essential Questions:

1. Explain to what extent did the **Geography** in your world region play a role in conflict and innovation over the course of the Middle Ages?
2. Describe the **Culture** of day to day life for individuals in various social classes in your world region and how it changed over time?
3. Analyze, contrast, and evaluate the **Political** system(s) of your world region over the course of time in the Middle Ages Time Period?
4. Analyze and describe the **Economic** systems of your world region in the Middle Ages and evaluate those economies on their ability to unify or separate people?
5. From the view of a **Historian**, explain the **Change Over Time** during the period of the Middle Ages with at least 4-5 major events from your region?

*Middle Ages: 500C.E. – 1400 C.E.*

*Project dates 3/16/16 – 3/22/16*