

<b>Lesson Title: The Medieval Times (Newspaper)</b>
<b>Unit: Medieval Times</b>
<b>Grade Level: 6th</b>
<b>Estimated time requirement: 3-5 class periods</b>
<b>Summary (25-50 words): Students will research topics concerning various aspects of medieval life. The research will be used to write a newspaper article to be published in a class newspaper, The Medieval Times.</b>
<b>Objectives:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will research a topic dealing with the Middle Ages.</li> <li>• Students will write an article about their topic.</li> <li>• Students will compile the articles in a class newspaper.</li> </ul>
<b>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills:</b>
Language Arts: 13A,13C,13E,13F,13G,13I,15C,18A,18B,18C,18D,18E,18F,18G,18I Social Studies 13A
<b>Assessment:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of individual articles.</li> <li>• Successful completion of class paper.</li> </ul>
<b>Materials:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computers with internet connection</li> <li>• Various books regarding the Middle Ages</li> <li>• Computers with publishing program</li> </ul>
<b>Resources:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.omnibusol.com/medieval.html">http://www.omnibusol.com/medieval.html</a></li> <li>• Books on the Middle Ages</li> </ul>
<b>Procedures:</b> Students will work in pairs to research their topic. They may use their textbook, the encyclopedia, library books and the internet to complete their research. Students will then write a newspaper article on their designated topic. Students will proofread, revise and type the article for the newspaper. As a class, students will determine the newspaper layout and arrange articles for publication.
Topics for research: Art/Artists, Black Death, Byzantine, Castles, Chapels, Charlemagne, Chivalry Code, Crusades, Fashion, Feudalism, Food and Drink, Hundred Years' War, King Arthur, Knights, Manors, Medicine, Monks, Music, Pages, Squires, Tournaments, War technology, etc.
<b>Modifications:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students with difficulties can be paired with higher ability students.</li> </ul>
<b>Technology Infusion:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer for internet research</li> <li>• Computer with publishing program</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural Connections:</b> Students will learn about various cultural aspects of the Middle Ages through their research.
<b>Family Connection:</b> Students can share the class newspaper with their families.
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