

Changing Times

Medieval Times Worksheet

Find the answer to these questions using the *Changing Times* web information on Medieval Times.

Homes

- List the sort of rooms you would expect to find in a Medieval castle.

- Gatehouses and curtain walls provided extra defence. What other defensive features did Weoley Castle have?

Events

- Tournaments provided a day's entertainment, and people enjoyed watching the jousting.

What was a joust?

- What code did knights follow?

Transport

- What was a litter? _____
- What invention enabled horses to carry litters? _____

Farming (Agriculture)

- Give one reason why there was a big increase in sheep farming in Medieval times.

- Why were sheep valuable? _____

Clothes

- What materials were rich people's clothes made from? _____

- What different head gear did men and women wear?

- What underclothes did they wear? _____

Industry

- What was an important source of power in Medieval times? _____
- How did the re-discovery of the plane help? _____
- How was water power used to work iron? _____

Inventions

- Who set up the first printing press in England? _____
- What were the short and long term consequences of the invention of the printing press? _____

Religion

- What was a monastery or nunnery? _____

- What sort of useful services did the monks provide to outsiders? _____

The not so rich - peasants

- How did poorer people heat their homes? _____
- Where did most people work? _____
- What did shops in Medieval towns look like? _____
- Where was much of the rubbish thrown in a Medieval town? _____

Animals

- In what ways were animals used for sport? _____
- Which two animals existed in the countryside then, which are not there now? _____

Medicine

- What disease did the Crusaders bring back with them? _____
- What new type of hospital was set up? _____

Warfare

- What weapon was brought into the English army by the Welsh?

- Who did the English fight at the Battle of Agincourt?

Time

- Who invented the mechanical clock?

- How did this bring change?

Women

- What did women spend most of their time doing?

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Further Activities

➤ Write a story of life in a Medieval town in 1349. Your town has a castle, and there is a monastery not far away. Use the pictures and information in *Changing Times* to help you.

➤ The Medieval pictures in *Changing Times* were drawn by an archaeological artist. Much of the Birmingham area was countryside in Medieval times. How can they help us understand what it was like?