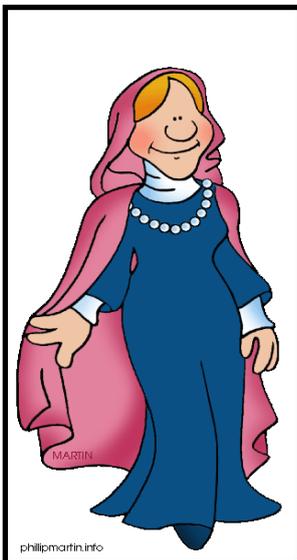


THE MIDDLE AGES



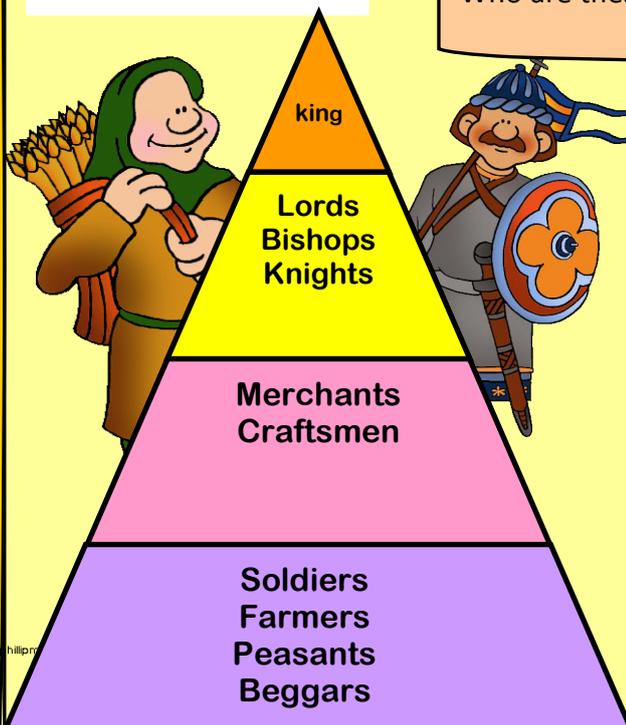
Middle Ages refer to a long period of time in history between the fall of the Roman Empire about 500 AD and the discovery of America in 1492. It also coincides with the beginning of Renaissance. People often call this period the dark ages because there was little cultural and social development. Christian Church had the control of education. Monasteries were places of learning but only wealthy people could study.



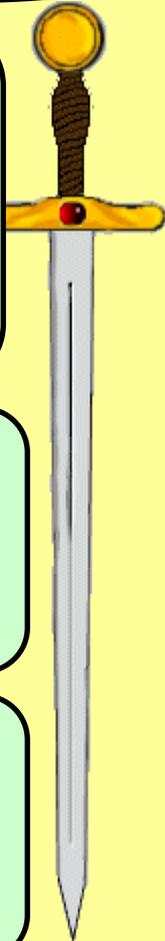
The medieval period was an age of wars and conquests. The most famous were the crusades. The crusades were a series of military expeditions in which Christian armies fought against Muslims for the control of Jerusalem. The reason for the conflict was religion.

Ordinary people were self sufficient. They built their own houses, made their own clothes and grew their own food. Farmers lived in villages while craftworkers lived in towns. Society was based on feudalism. The kings, who lived in big castles, said to his lords: "I give you my lands and you give me military protection in return"

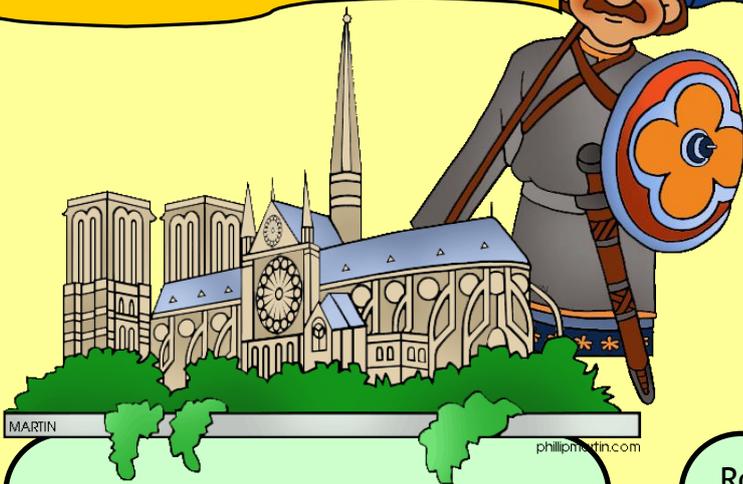
Who are these people ? Read the definitions and give the name



- 1.- A man who rules a nation usually called a Kingdom → **KING**
- 2.- The head of a feudal state →
- 3.- An artisan →
- 4.- A high member of the Christian clergy →
- 5.- A person who earns a living by raising cattle →
- 6.- A person who is very poor →
- 7.- A person serving in an army →
- 8.- A military servant of a king →
- 9.- A small farmer →
- 10.- A person whose business is buying and selling goods for profit →

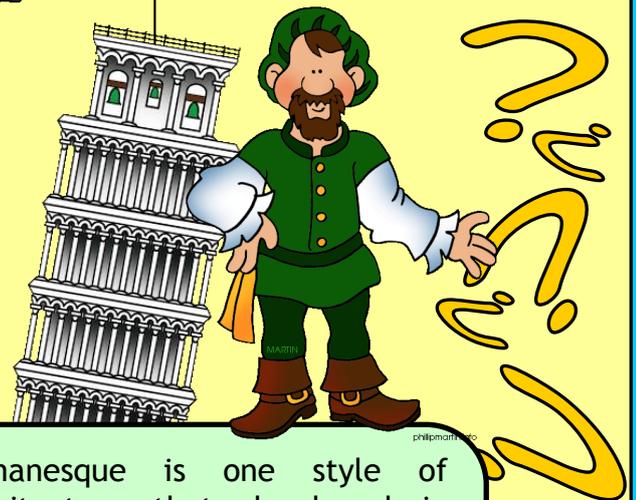


GOthic ART



Gothic is one style of architecture that developed in Western Europe from the 12th to the 16th centuries. Gothic buildings have got tall pointed arches and tall narrow windows and columns.

ROMANESQUE ART



Romanesque is one style of architecture that developed in Europe from about 900 to 1200 with round arches, high ceilings and thick walls. Durham cathedral is one of the finest examples in Europe.

Look at the Cathedral and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Which are the differences?

Blank space for writing the answer to the question above.

Write these words in the text

Ancient
Fall

Feudalism
Achievements

Renaissance
Literature

Building
England



The Middle Ages is the period of European history between (1) _____ and modern time. The Middle Ages began with the (2) _____ of Rome in the fifth century and ended with the (3) _____. The Middle Ages are associated with many beliefs and practises that now seem to be out of date, such as chivalry, (4) _____, the Inquisition, the belief that the sun moves around the Earth, and a host of popular superstitions. The early Middle Ages, however, especially in later yeas, also saw many notable human (5) _____. Among these were the buildings of modern nations such as (6) _____ and France; increasingly sophisticated and expanded trade; a great advancement of technique in philosophy and theology; some remarkable works of (7) _____ were The Canterbury Tales, The Divine Comedy; and the (8) _____ of magnificent churches like Chartre and Notre Dame in Paris.

Read the text and answer the questions



In the Middle Ages, towns in Europe were noisy and crowded by day but quiet and dark at night. The silence was broken only by watchmen calling out the hours. Churches, guilds, fairs and markets all drew people into the towns. People threw their rubbish into the muddy streets and drank water from wells. Pigs and chickens wandered in and out small yards.

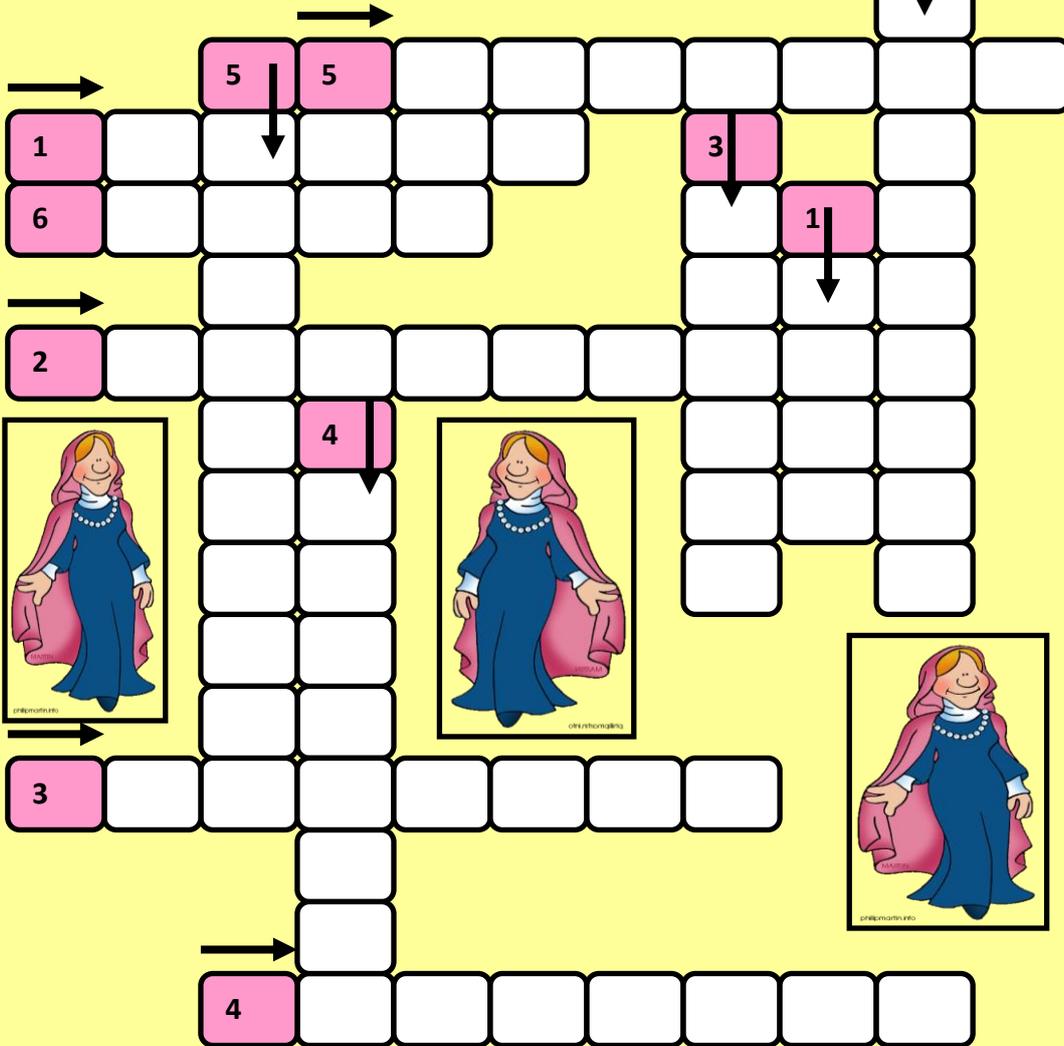
Many houses were workshops and shops. Craftworkers and traders organized their businesses into guilds. Some towns were famous for their fairs which attracted merchants from all over Europe, as well as entertainers, fake doctors and pickpockets. In towns, people built magnificent cathedrals, churches and defensive walls.

- 1.- How were medieval towns by day?
- 2.- Where did people drink water?.....
- 3.- What were the so-called guilds?.....
- 4.- What type of people could you find in medieval towns?.....
- 5.- What kind of buildings were there in medieval society?.....

Are these sentences TRUE or FALSE? Correct the false sentences

- 1.-Medieval towns were noisy in the morning.
- 2.-Streets were full of people by day.
- 3.-Streets were clean.
- 4.-People drank water from wells.
- 5.-Towns became the centre of economy.
- 6.-Pigs and chickens often escaped from yards.
- 7.-People threw rubbish into containers.

CROSSWORD



Complete the crossword

Across: 1.- a lot of people; 2.- A big church; 3.-rich; 4.- fighter who participates in wars; 5.-the opposite of round; 6.- a person with a lot of lands in medieval towns.

Down: 1.- without light; 2.- Typical form of government in medieval society; 3.- not wide; 4.- military expeditions in medieval times; 5.-an architectural style.