

Kids Discover Knights & Castles

Name

1. Thousands of castles remain scattered throughout Western Europe. Where?
2. In the Middle Ages, whoever _____ the land _____ it.
3. Some of the Knights risked their lives for the Lords they served. What did they get in return?
4. What did poor peasants do in times of peace? in times of trouble?
5. Explain what the Middle Ages refers to.
6. Scholars used to think of the Middle Ages as a _____.
Now they see it as _____.
7. A castle was a _____ or a _____.
8. Where is the perfect place to build a castle?
 - a)
 - b)
9. Why did a castle need two rings of walls?
 - a)
 - b)
10. What if a builder could not find a hill to build his castle upon?
11. What was in the moat?
 - a)
 - b)
12. What was the point of what was in the moat?

13. What is another name for the main living quarters?
14. What was the basement in the living quarters used for?
15. The watchtowers had narrow slits on them. Why?
16. Castles were nice, but not perfect. Why?
17. Where was the busiest place in the castle? Why?
18. Explain what it was like to eat a meal in the Middle Ages.
19. What order were people served when eating?
20. When was the main meal of the day eaten?
21. What was a taster? What did he
22. What is a tapestry, what were they used for?
23. Why did the knights come from the highest classes of society?
24. Explain the life of a paige in at least 3 sentences.
25. Explain the life of a squire in at least 3 sentences.

26. Give a brief summary of a knight's armor. (Make it good please)

27. What is chain mail? Good or bad? Explain.

28. The Almodovar del Rio Castle has witnessed many bloody battles, including one in which Peter the Cruel _____.

29. Name some of the animals that were hunted in a Knight's spare time.

30. What is hawking?

31. What was a tournament? How long did it last?

32. How did tournaments change in the 1200's?

33. What was a common cause of injury?

34. Knights fought in tournaments in honor _____.

35. Hunting was a sport only for the _____.

36. Some countries set aside area of their land as hunting grounds. What happened to people who were caught hunting on their land?

37. Name the special gear for hawking?

38. Explain what a code of chivalry is.

39. Most knights behaved well to Lords and Ladies, but how did they treat others?

40. Describe one example of this. (this refers to the previous question)

41. Describe Joan of Arc.

42. All the years spent practicing with swords and running at each other with lances was for a good reason. What was it?

43. What is a siege? What happened during a siege?

44. Name the advantages and disadvantages of using a crossbow.

45. What are murder holes? What were they used for?

46. Soon after a siege started what did attackers usually do?

47. As a siege drags on, what happens next?

48. Describe in detail the “heavy hitters.”

49. What ended the military careers of knights?

50. A knight’s wooden lance and his metal armor were no match for what?

51. Where did the game of chess come from?

52. Was King Arthur real? Was his story of the round table true?

53. Why did knight’s begin wearing personal symbols on their shields? What were they called?