**You are a Medieval Expert!**

**Computer Presentation**



**Student Activity:**

Once you become an expert on an aspect of medieval life, you will be creating a computer generated project that shows your amazing knowledge to others. Your project will show how your particular aspect shaped the worldview of this time period. Take a look at this webpage for a sample of this project: <https://sites.google.com/site/medievalexperts/>

**Task 1:**

Select a partner and an aspect you would like to research. Only one group may sign up for each aspect. Your choices are:

1. The Feudal system
2. Town Life
3. The Black Death
4. Castles
5. Peasant Revolts
6. Monastic Life
7. The role of Religion (Roman Catholic, Islam, Judaism)
8. The Crusades
9. St. Francis of Assisi
10. The Silk Road
11. Life as a Serf
12. Life as Royalty (King, Queen)
13. Knighthood
14. Role of Women

**Task 2:**

Research your topic using the internet, books and textbooks. You need to answer the questions assigned to the aspect you are becoming an expert on.

Some websites you may find useful are:

 <http://www.cln.org/themes/medieval.html>

<http://www.castles-of-britain.com/castlelearningcenter.htm>

**Task 3:**

View the sample web site on the Black Death by going to <https://sites.google.com/site/medievalexperts/>

Each student will create a project on their aspect of medieval life. You could use SmartBoard, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word, or any other means for your project (See your teacher before choosing other options of presenting)

Qualities of the Presentation:

Content and Appearance:

* Select a background and text features that accentuate your topic.
* Viewers must be able to see the answers to all of the questions for your topic.
* ***You may not just copy and paste information from the internet or from your research books. In order to avoid plagiarism, you must significantly change the wording of your source (at least 60% different). Plagiarism is a form of cheating and theft.***
* Include pictures that illustrate your topic.
* Include an acknowledgements section at the end of your presentation to show where you got your information.

**Medieval Expert—The Feudal System**



**Research:**

1. What is the feudal system?
2. Explain the hierarchy of the feudal system.
3. Explain briefly the role of those in the feudal hierarchy
4. How did feudalism shape the worldview of those living during the Medieval Times?
5. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert—Town Life**



**Research:**

1. Explain, in detail, the structure of the towns in the medieval period.
2. Who lived in the towns and what was their role?
3. How did town life shape the worldview of those living during the Medieval Times?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert—The Black Death**



**Research:**

1. What is the Black Death? Describe how it’s contracted and what the symptoms are.
2. How were the people in the middle ages affected by the Black Death? How was it a factor in changing feudal society?
3. How did the Black Death shape the worldview of those living during the medieval times?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert—Castles**



**Research:**

1. How were castles constructed? How were they used for protection?
2. Describe what life was like in a castle. Who lived there? What activities did the people in the castle engage in?
3. Draw a diagram of a typical castle in the middle ages.
4. How did life in a castle shape the worldview of those living in the medieval times?
5. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert—Peasant Revolts**



**Research:**

1. What caused the Peasant Revolts?
2. Explain in detail what occurred when the peasants revolted?
3. How did the peasant revolts help shape the worldview of the time period?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert—Monastic Life**



**Research:**

1. Describe what life was like in a monastery?
2. Describe the roles of those who lived the monastic life?
3. How did monastic life help shape the worldview of the time period?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— The Role of Religion**



**Research:**

1. What role did religion did play in the lives of the people in the medieval period?
2. What religions were there in Europe during this period? Give a brief description of the fundamentals of each.
3. How did these religions “clash”?
4. Give more details on the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the lives of the people (explain the structure of the church hierarchy and what affect the church had in the lives of the common people).
5. How did religion help shape the worldview of the time period?
6. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— The Crusades**



**Research:**

1. What were the Crusades all about?
2. Describe some details of a particular crusade.
3. How did the Crusades help shape the worldview of the time period?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— St. Francis of Assisi**



**Research:**

1. Who is St. Francis of Assisi?
2. Why was he significant? Give details of his life.
3. How did St. Francis of Assisi help shape the worldview of the time period?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— The Silk Road**



**Research:**

1. What was the Silk Road?
2. What was its significance?
3. How did the Silk Road help shape the worldview of the time period?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— Life as a Serf**



**Research:**

1. What is a serf?
2. Describe, in detail, what life was life as a serf.
3. What was the role and duty of a serf?
4. How did serfdom help shape the worldview of the time period?
5. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— Life as a Royalty**



**Research:**

1. Who was a part of the Royal Class?
2. Describe, in detail, what life was like as royalty?
3. What was the role of a King? Queen? Other members of the Royal Family?
4. How did the royalty help shape the worldview of the middle ages?
5. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— Knighthood**



**Research:**

1. Who was a knight? How did he obtain his position?
2. What was the role of the knight?
3. Describe, in detail, what life was like as a knight.
4. How did the knighthood help shape the worldview of the middle ages?
5. Add any more important information you discovered through your research.

**Medieval Expert— The Role of Women**



**Research:**

1. What was the role of women in medieval society?
2. Did their roles differ dependent on which class they were a member of? Explain in detail.
3. How did the role of women help shape the worldview of the middle ages?
4. Add any more important information you discovered through your research