

# Grade 4

## Unit 4: The Middle Ages

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### Unit-level Essential Question

What marked the Middle Ages as an important time in history?

### Lessons 1–5

**Guiding Question:** What was the social order of the Middle Ages?

**Writing Prompt:** What responsibilities did lords assign to the other people in their lands, such as serfs, knights, and freemen? Did they always follow through on these responsibilities?

### Lessons 6–10

**Guiding Question:** What factors affected the way of life in the Middle Ages?

**Writing Prompt:** What types of people (lord, serf, freeman, etc.) would decide to become a monk or a nun? Why might they choose to do this?

### Lessons 11–15

**Guiding Question:** How did leadership evolve during the Middle Ages?

**Writing Prompt:** Consider both the good and bad decisions King Henry II made during his reign. Overall, was he a good king or a bad king?

### Unit 4 Culminating Activity

With a partner, perform a scene of a lord knighting a soldier. What are the promises the knight must make to the lord? What does the lord do to perform the ceremony?

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