

Grade 4

Unit 4: The *Middle Ages*



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?