



Medieval England

Year 5

Summer

Key Vocabulary

chivalry	The system of behaviour followed by knights in the medieval period of history, that put a high value on honour, kindness, and courage: the age of chivalry.
class	Medieval society consisted of upper, middle, and lower classes constructed along feudal line
The Black Death	The Black Death, or bubonic plague, was an infectious bacteria that spreads among wild rats, which went out of control during the Middle Ages.
knight	A warrior mounted on a horse and dressed in a suit of armour.
nobleman	The Nobility included the landowners, the King, Lords and Ladies, and Knights of the kingdom. The King: The King was the highest noble of the land.
peasant	A name for a person that worked for others on a farm and never had much money.
The Crusades	A ruler of ancient Egypt .
Wycliffe's Bible	The first complete translation of the Bible into English

Religion

Things were very different in medieval England and religion was much more important in people's lives. In England during the Middle Ages, nearly everyone believed in God. They followed the Roman Catholic religion led by the Pope in Rome.



Knights and chivalry

There were rules of conduct **knights** had to abide by. These rules are often referred to as the Code of **Chivalry**. In order to use **chivalry** in daily life, a **knight** had to be loyal to their lord or king. They also had to show bravery and courage on the battlefield.

Key Knowledge

Religion in Medieval Britain was dominated by Christianity and so the church was very powerful.

From 1095-1272 nine **Crusades** took place, which were a series of wars between Christians and Muslims.

The code of **chivalry** is a moral code system of bravery, honour and gallantry.

The Black Death was a plague from 1347 until 1350.

The Crusades

The **Crusades** were a series of religious wars between Christians and Muslims started primarily to secure control of holy sites considered sacred by both groups. In all, eight major **crusade** expeditions—varying in size, strength and degree of success—occurred between 1096 and 1291.

