**SECTION 4 – THE MIDDLE AGES**

**PEOPLE IN HISTORY ESSAYS FROM THIS SECTION:**

1. **The Life of a Serf**
2. **The life of a lord or lady who lived in the castle**
3. **The life of a craftsman in medieval times.**
4. **The life of a monk in a medieval monastery**

**REVISION QUESTIONS – THE MIDDLE AGES**

**CHAPTER 1 - LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES**

1. What is another name for the Middle Ages?
2. The Middle Ages lasted from about 500 AD to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the Feudal System?
4. Fill in the following chart to show how society was organised in the Middle Ages
5. What was a demesne?
6. What was a vassal?
7. What was the name given to the peasants who farmed the lord’s land?
8. The lords gave some of their land to their knights. What did the knights promise to do in return?
9. The serfs paid taxes to which two groups of people?
10. The serfs were tied to the land. What does this mean?

**CHAPTER 2 – LIFE IN A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE**

1. What was a manor?
2. Describe the layout of a medieval manor.
3. What was the ‘open-field system’ .
4. What was crop rotation?
5. What was the commons?
6. Explain the term ‘fallow’.
7. Describe the houses of the peasants (hint – wattle and daub)
8. What type of clothes did poor people wear?
9. What type of clothes did rich people wear
10. What type of food did the poor eat?
11. What type of pastimes did people enjoy?
12. Describe 3 types of punishment used to keep law and order on the manor?
13. What does the term sanctuary mean?
14. What were the stocks?

**PEOPLE IN HISTORY QUESTION FROM THIS CHAPTER IS:**

**THE LIFE OF A SERF IN MEDIEVAL TIMES**

**CHAPTER 3 – LIFE IN A MEDIEVAL CASTLE**

1. Why did a king need to build a castle?
2. Describe the main features of a mottle and bailey castle.
3. Know the following parts of a medieval stone castle – keep, battlements, curtain walls, drawbridge, portcullis, ramparts, moat.
4. List 3 weapons used to lay siege to a castle.
5. Describe the interior of a medieval castle.
6. What was the solar?
7. What were latrines?
8. In what part of the castle did the lord and his family sleep?
9. Describe the banquets that were held in the castle – ie the food eaten, the entertainment, the layout of the room.
10. Describe the education that children received at this time.
11. What type work did the lady of the castle do?
12. What was a dowry
13. How did a knight dress for battle? Describe.
14. Describe the three stages in the training of a boy to become a knight.
15. What was chivalry?
16. What was a tournament and what types of activities went on there?

**THE PEOPLE IN HISTORY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS CHAPTER ARE:**

1. **THE LIFE OF A LORD OR A LADY IN A CASTLE - REMEMBER THESE WILL BE VERY SIMILAR BUT YOU NEED TO ADJUST THE INFORMATION ABOUT ‘WORK’ AND ‘ENTERTAINMENT’**
2. **THE STORY OF A KNIGHT**

**CHAPTER 4 – LIFE IN A MEDIEVAL TOWN**

1. Where were most medieval towns located?
2. In a medieval town, what was a toll?
3. Describe the layout of a medieval town.
4. Street names in medieval towns were often named after the trade or business practised there – can you think of an example of a street called after a trade?
5. Most buildings were made out of wood. Can you think of an example of buildings that would have been made out of stone?
6. Only one street was paved with stones or wood planks, can you name that street?
7. What type of people had their houses on the High Street?
8. The streets were usually quite narrow but give another reason why they might have been so dark.
9. Markets were held once a week, but where did they take place?
10. What event was the highlight of the year for townspeople.
11. Describe where it took place and what was sold there.
12. What type of entertainment was held at the fair?
13. What was a curfew?
14. Why were the towns so dirty?
15. Name two types of disease that were common in medieval towns.
16. One of those diseases wiped out over 1/3 of the population – which one was it.
17. How did it spread?
18. What was a charter?
19. Give 4 examples of craftspeople.
20. What was a guild?
21. What was the function of the guild? NB
22. How did a boy become a master craftsman
23. Where did craftspeople usually live?

**PEOPLE IN HISTORY ESSAY FROM THIS CHAPTER:**

**THE LIFE OF A CRAFTSMAN IN A MEDIEVAL TOWN**

**CHAPTER 5 – RELIGION IN THE MIDDLE AGES**

In the Middle Ages, everyone was Christian, apart from some Jewish people. Rulers and their people believed they would go to hell if they did not obey the Church.

1. Who was the leader of the Church
2. The Church was divided into p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. There were two types of Church built around this time. Can you describe a Romanesque church?
4. Give one example of a Romanesque church.
5. Describe a Gothic church.
6. Give one example of a Gothic church.
7. What were flying buttresses?
8. Monks in medieval times followed very strict rules. They were made up by which Italian monk?
9. Name two different orders of monks .
10. Describe the different buildings that could be found in a medieval monastery.
11. Describe how a boy became a monk.
12. What was the cloisters?
13. What was the Chapter House?
14. What was the infirmary?
15. What was the refectory?
16. How did a boy become a monk?
17. What promises did he make?
18. Describe his daily life?
19. Who was the abbot?
20. Name three types of jobs carried out by the monks.
21. What did an almoner do?
22. What did the infirmarian do?
23. What did friars do?
24. What services did the monasteries provide to local communities in the Middle Ages?

**PEOPLE IN HISTORY ESSAY FOR THIS SECTION:**

**The life of a monk in a medieval monastery**

**CHAPTER 6 – HOW THE NORMANS CHANGED IRELAND**

1. Where did the Normans come from originally?
2. Why were they able to take over large parts of Ireland so easily?
3. What changes did the Normans bring/what effects did they have?