



A LOOK AT ...

The Age of Knights and Castles

What was life like in the age of knights and castles? How did one become a knight? How much did a suit of armor weigh?

Read *The Age of Knights and Castles* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- In the 800's most of the land of western Europe was split into estates called ...
 - Manors
 - Lord acres
 - Vassals
 - Fiefs
- A man could become a knight when he reached ...
 - 18 years of age
 - 25 years of age
 - 21 years of age
 - 40 years of age
- Knights participated in contests called ...
 - Guilds
 - Lances
 - Classics
 - Jousts
- Vikings came from ...
 - England
 - France
 - Scandinavia
 - Japan
- What is a *tapestry*?
- Where were the Moors from?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. The word castle comes from the Latin word <i>castellum</i> . | _____ 4. Most people could read and write during the Middle Ages. |
| _____ 2. The Hundred Years' War was fought between France and England. | _____ 5. Knights wore skirtlike garments that were made of wool under their armor. |
| _____ 3. Laws were very lenient in the Middle Ages. | _____ 6. The Osaka Castle is located in Japan. |

ANSWERS

- 1. a. Manors.** According to section “Life in the Middle Ages” on page 14, we know that “By the 800’s, most of the land in western Europe was split up into large estates ruled by rich lords. These estates were called manors.” So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. 21 years of age.** According to section “Becoming a Knight” on page 18, we know that “Once a man reached 21 years of age, he could become a knight in either one of two ways.” So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. d. Jousts.** According to section “Leisure and Play” on page 44, we know that “Knights sometimes took part in jousts. In these contests, two knights—on horseback and in full armor—charged at each other.” So, the correct answer is D.
- 4. c. Scandinavia.** According to section “Going to Sea” on page 52, we know that “Among the bravest sailors of the Middle Ages were the Vikings. They came from the lands of Scandinavia that are now Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.” So, the correct answer is C.
- According to page 62, a *tapestry* is a decorated woven cloth used for wall coverings, furniture, or windows.
- According to page 62, the Moors were a people from North Africa.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section “Castles and Forts” on page 7, we know that “The word *castle* comes from the Latin word *castellum*.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section “Knights and Foot Soldiers” on page 24, we know that “Some famous battles between knights and foot soldiers took place during the Hundred Years’ War (1337–1453) between France and England.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section “The King and the Law” on page 31, we know that “Laws were strict in the Middle Ages.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. False.** According to section “Learning and Knowledge” on page 38, we know that “In the Middle Ages, many scholars and teachers were monks or priests. Few ordinary people even went to school, and most people could not read or write.” So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section “Fashion and Dress” on page 48, we know that “Beneath his armor, a knight wore long stockings and a tunic that reached to his knees.” So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. True.** According to section “Castles Around the World” on page 59, we know that “Osaka Castle stands on a hill in the city of Osaka, Japan.” So, the correct answer is True.