Mr. Weiss – World History

**Medieval Webquest**

The Medieval period was a time of great contrasts. It was a period of great wealth and power for some, but a period of great poverty and oppression for others. It was a period that saw the beginning of developments of great scientific, religious, intellectual and social changes, but at the same time there existed a fear and paranoia of change or anything alternative to the church’s teachings.

Directions: Using my webpage, [www.mrweissworldhistory.weebly.com](http://www.mrweissworldhistory.weebly.com) , go to “classroom” and hover over “medieval webquest” to find the location for your research. On the left side of the page are images with embedded links that will guide you on your discovery of life during the Middle Ages. Answer the questions below in complete sentences, do NOT cut and paste! Enjoy!

PART A:  TOWNS  
1. What led to the growth of the towns?  
  
2.  Who were the most exalted members of a town?  
  
3.  Why did merchants support the king and a strong central government?  
  
4.  What did the merchant guilds regulate?  
  
5.  What three stages did a boy go through in order to become able to own a shop and be fully accepted    by a craft guild?  
  
6.  From where does the term for the second stage come, and what does it mean?  
  
7.  If a serf escaped to a town, how long did he have to stay there in order to remain free?  
  
8.  What was the penalty for a thief caught with stolen goods?  
  
9.  Why did the buildings of cooks, barbers, and brewers have to be whitewashed and plastered?  
  
10.  In addition to ringing a bell to announce news, what other job might the town crier perform?

PART B:  LORDS  
  
1.  What was the lord of the manor's primary duty?  
  
2.  What form of rent did the villagers (serfs) pay to the lord?  
  
3.  Most of life's necessities were produced on the fief.  What are two examples of things that had to be brought in to the fief?  
  
4.  What was the lords' and ladies' favorite past time?  
  
5.  What animals helped them in this pursuit?  
  
6.  If the lord could be compared to the U.S. president, who would be the vice-president?  
  
7.  What were the duties of the bailiff?  
  
8.  Who was the bailiff's assistant?  
  
9.   What were his duties?  
  
10.  What functions did the manor host?

PART C:  WOMEN  
  
1. What was the “age of consent”?   
   
2. What “right” did a husband have?   
   
3. What was a woman’s life expectancy?   
  
  
 Go to this website: http://www.medievalweddings.net/wedding\_dresses.htm    
   
6. What color were medieval wedding dresses? Why were they this color?   
   
   
Go to this website: http://library.thinkquest.org/12834/text/thechapel.html    
   
7. What were two advantages of joining the nunnery?   
   
1.   
2. 

PART D:  KNIGHTS  
  
1. What were the lord's words when he swore fealty to his king?  
  
2. Why did most kings not keep standing armies?  
  
3. Who was most likely to threaten the king's powers?  
  
4. How did bishops become wealthy?  
  
5. If William received the maximum number of warriors from each baron, how large would his family be?

PART E:  THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH  
  
How much control did the church have over the peasants?   
   
1. What is a tithe?   
 2. What did most peasants use to pay tithes?  
   
3. What are three services you had to pay the church for?   
1.   
2.   
3.   
   
4. What happened if you did not pay for these services?   
   
   
5. What were the guildsmen told would happen if they were killed while working on a church or   
cathedral?

PART F:  MEDIEVAL MEDICINE  
  
1. People believed that diseases of the body resulted from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   
   
2. They believed disease was spread by bad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   
   
3. What were two of the four humors, and what elements did they relate to?   
   
   
 Click on the “Medieval MD” link. Diagnose the three patients. Answer the following:   
   
4. Patient One’s remedy consisted of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which contained \_\_\_\_\_ (#) ingredients   
and took \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days to make and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years to mature.   
   
5. Patient Two (with smallpox) was treated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   
   
6. Patient Three would go to live in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colony. When in public, this patient would   
have to announce his presence by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

PART G:  ENTERTAINMENT  
  
1.  What are the seven types of entertainment in which a serf could participate?  
  
2.  What did people do to celebrate Christmas, May Day, and Midsummer?

PART H:  MEDIEVAL PERSONALITY TEST  
  
Complete the test and write a brief summary / reflection on the results.