

MEDIEVAL FANTASIES COMPANY PRESENTS:

GOING MEDIEVAL
RENAISSANCE FAIRE CURRICULUM
FOR BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS
AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS



1. What time period is considered the Medieval period or Middle Ages? Where did this time period take place? Find and take an image of each of the following to discover more about the Medieval time period. A Unicorn, A Sword Swallower, a Flag with a Red Cross , a King and Queen. Be sure to receive your gift from the King and Queen!

2. Becoming a knight is a great honor. Research the different levels of Knighthood. Find and take an image of each of the following, an axe, a sword, a bow, and armor. Be knighted at the Knighting Ceremony.

3. Where do the knights, ladies, royal family, and of course, the princesses live while at Faire? Take an image of a trestle table, a rope bed, a chair, a chest and the inside of a tent (get permission first!). Where did they get these, how were they made?

4. Feasts and banquets were grand occasions in the great hall of the castle. There would be magicians, dancers, singers to entertain the guests and wonderful foods to enjoy. What type of foods were served? Were there turkey legs in the Middle Ages? Participate in the Masquerade Ball.

5. The clothes, headwear, or jewelry that the people wore during the Medieval time period informed other people what Class they belonged to. Choose one Class to learn more about such as Common, Merchant, Performer, Noble or Royal. Take images of clothing, headwear, or jewelry representing your research.

6. Board games such as checkers, foxes and geese and chess were favorites among the children and adults. Other games or toys that were played by the children were blind man's bluff, horseshoes, dolls, toy swords and hobby horses. Play at least one game of chess as well as attend the juggling workshop during Faire.

7. Medieval towns were small settlements outside the gates of the castles. The streets were not paved and usually made of dirt or cobblestone. Outside the shops were signs representing their trade, such as a boot for a shoemaker; thread for a seamstress, etc. What is a Guild? Take images of at least three signs that represents a Shop or Guild during the Faire.

8. Many people in the middle ages could not read, therefore they told stories with musical instruments. Attend a Musical Performance and learn about at least one instrument either during the performance or at their tent throughout the day. Make sure to take an image of the instrument.

9. Many people did not live in the towns and villages of the Middle Ages. Some of these were the Gypsies, who travelled from place to place, setting up camp, selling medicines and entertaining the local people with fortune telling, music and dancing. Visit the Gypsy Queen and learn more about her Culture.
10. Meat was an important part of a person's diet in the Middle Ages. For Commoners it was a rare treat, for the Nobles, obtaining meat for the table was an important part of their lifestyle. What types of animals were hunted for food, furs or skins? How was this done? Visit the Royal Huntsman and Huntress to find out more.
11. Many writings and books were carefully decorated with beautiful pictures or designs in a variety of colors called Illumination. These designs help tell the story in the book and keep it interesting to the readers. Create a picture or story using some of the six basic designs that were used in this time period: such as animals, leaves, berries, geometric designs or fancy lettering. Visit The Arte of the Book and ask them how books were made.
12. Knights always needed to be protected when they went to battle. Ask a knight about the armor and weapons of the Medieval times. Such as maile, flail, shield, sword, battle ax, mace, or arrows. Join the Sword Circle and learn how to Sword fight.
13. The Longbow, Recurve bow, Crossbow and the use of Archery was an important part of the Middle Ages. Learn about different types of bows and how they were used. Try your hand at the bow at the Archery Range.
14. Some common pastimes for girls or ladies in the middle ages was making pottery, headdresses of flowers, jewelry, decorating hats, candlestick making, sewing and embroidery. Visit with Dame NoOne to learn more about spinning wool.
15. Horses provided transportation, power for Mills, hauling and carried Warriors into battle. How were horses taken care of, what foods do they need?

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