

## A Walk Through the Middle Ages (CP): MY SEARCH

Your My Search paper will include:

- **PART 1**- What I already know about my topic and why we (your group) picked this topic
- **PART 2** - What I learned about my topic through my research
- **PART 3** - How and where I found my information and what I learned about myself as a researcher
- **PART 4** - My sources (Works Cited)

You are required to have at least three (3) sources:

- Two (2) books
- Database article
- Website

Topics	Guiding questions for your research
<b>Knights</b>	<p>What was the role of knights?            What were the steps to becoming a knight?            What did knights wear?            What type of training did knights do?            What type of weapons did knights use?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>            * How were European knights similar and different to Japanese Samurai?</p>
<b>Samurai</b>	<p>What was the role of the samurai in Japan?            What type of training did samurai do?            What type of clothing did samurai wear?            What type of weapons did samurai use?            How did religion play a part of samurai training?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>            * How were Japanese samurai similar and different to European knights?</p>
<b>Vikings</b>	<p>What were the Vikings best known for?            Who were some of the most famous Vikings? (ex. Lief Erickson)            What would the Vikings do when they attacked people?            What were Viking Ships like? How were they made?            What were the Vikings religious beliefs?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>            *?</p>
<b>Women of the Middle Ages / Renaissance</b>	<p>Pick <b>one</b> woman to research:            Joan of Arc, Queen Isabella, Queen Elizabeth, Theodora (Byzantine Empire)</p> <p>When and where was she born (where did she live)?            What was her role/ position in society?            What type of education or training did she have?            What was she known for? Why is she a significant person in history?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>            * How was (your topic) similar and different to a modern day woman?</p>

<b>Castles</b>	<p>Who lived in castles?  Why were castles built?  How were castles made?  What were some of the features of a castle that were used for defense?  What was life like in a castle?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * How were European castles similar and different to Japanese castles?</p>
<b>Aztecs</b>	<p>When and where did the Aztecs live?  What was Aztec life like living in their island city?  What were some Aztec religious beliefs?  What type of food did the Aztecs eat and how did they grow their food?  How and why did the Aztecs build their temples and pyramids?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * <i>What are some new discoveries about the Aztecs in the last five years?</i></p>
<b>Inca</b>	<p>When and where did the Incas live?  What was Inca life like?  What achievements (roads, messengers, trephination, etc.) were Inca known for?  What were some of the religious beliefs of the Incas?  What types of weapons did the Inca use and what was warfare like?  What is Machu Picchu? Why is this Inca city significant?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * <i>What are some new discoveries about the Inca in the last five years?</i></p>
<b>China</b>	<p>What was China like in the Middle Ages?  What were some religious beliefs in China (Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism)  What were some famous inventions from China (ex. gunpowder, paper, writing, etc.)  What was the Great Wall and why and how was it built?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * <i>How did the invention of gunpowder change warfare in the Middle Ages?</i></p>
<b>Africa</b>	<p>What was life like in Africa during the Middle Ages?  What was the gold and salt trade?  Who was Mansa Musa and what was he known for?  What were some achievements of West Africa (music, art, oral traditions)</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * <i>Was Mansa Musa the richest man who ever lived? Yes/No Why?</i></p>
<b>Maya</b>	<p>Who were the Maya and when and where did the Maya live?  What was Maya life like? (class structure, daily life, trade, etc.)  What achievements (math, writing, calendar, etc.) were the Maya known for?  What type of clothing did the Maya wear?  What types of food did the Maya eat and how did they grow their food?  What were some Maya religious beliefs?</p> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b>  * <i>What are some new discoveries about the Maya in the last five years?</i></p>