

## Medieval Diary Project LII

Each student will imagine that they are a person living in the Middle Ages (900-1450 C.E.). Students are responsible for deciding upon the livelihood of their character, and will research what life in general was like during the Middle Ages as well as what it would be like for a person of your character's vocation.

Students will do research to find out about (among other things):

1. What they ate, wore and did for fun
2. What their class obligations would be/what was expected of them
3. What activities they would have done on a regular basis
4. What work was like/how they went about doing their job
5. What their homes and communities were like

From this information, students will write a diary of their experiences. Students will create the story line, **but it must be about events that could have actually taken place.** Your diary will have a total of five entries, and **EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE EVIDENCE OF THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SOME ACTIVITY.** Each entry must describe something that the reader can instantly identify as being set in the medieval period.

### Suggestions for the FIVE entries:

**1 Entry:** Describe what food your person ate, what clothes they wore, and what their home was like.

**1 Entry:** Describe them doing something in public like playing a game, going to the market, attending an event or performance.

**1 Entry:** Describe what their family life was like, talk about which social class they were in and what that meant.

**2 Entries:** Describe their work and what is involved in it.

### Format Rules:

1. The diary has to be typed in a Google Doc, double-spaced with one-inch margins all the way around.
2. It must be 3.5 to 4 pages in length.
3. There are to be no spaces between paragraphs. There can be no more than one space between entries.
4. The diary must be size 12 point font (Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier).
5. Bold text is not allowed.
6. You must use the past tense, since these events have happened in the past.
7. Pages need to be numbered with a cover page and a separate page for a bibliography (cover page and bibliography do not count towards the 3.5-4 page requirement).
8. Students must use at least five sources, including at least one book, but students are not allowed to use the textbook or general encyclopedias.
9. Each entry must begin on the same line as the date, separated by a colon.
10. All illustrations, maps, drawings, et cetera must be in an appendix at the end of the diary and do not count towards the page requirement.
11. Follow all of the rules of formal grammar.
12. **For each day this assignment is late you will lose a whole letter grade!!**

**Due Date: Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

## Medieval Diary Planning Sheet

**Character's Occupation:**

**Where does the character live:**

**Character's Social Class:**

Activities

**Entry 1:**

**Entry 2:**

**Entry 3:**

**Entry 4:**

**Entry 5:**

## Medieval Diary Score Sheet

### 1. Medieval Diary Plan Sheet (10pts)

This sheet will be scored as an all or nothing grade. By the end of the first class you must have completed most of the necessary research and should have the Medieval Diary Plan Sheet finished. This will be the organizer for your diary. This will be checked at the beginning of the second class period and should be in Google Docs. If it is complete you will receive 10 points. If not, you will receive 0 points. (If you decide to make changes during the next period that will be fine)

### 2. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Day (5pts)

You must have your bibliography completed in Google Docs, as well as your first diary entry.

### 3. End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Day (5pts)

You should have at least 3 of your journal entries completed in Google Docs. If your diary is completed by the end of this class period, you will receive 10 bonus points!!

### 4. The Final Diary (15pts per entry)

This is the only grade that will not be all or nothing. Each entry will be scored for historical content and accuracy along with the originality of the plot line.

### 5. Cover Page and Bibliography (10pts)

Cover page should include your name, your character's occupation, and your character's name. Bibliography will be created using Noodle Tools and will include at least FIVE sources, one of which must be a book.

**Daily Assignments: /20**

**Final Medieval Diary: /85**