



# Medieval Life



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medieval	force	weapons	jousting	allowed
work	enemies	fighting	lord	mill
second	nobility	archery	manor	stones
horses	afford	hard	serfs	birds
armor	monasteries	copies	libraries	inherit
religion	tithe	knights	crops	labor

## Those Who Fight: Nobles

In the \_\_\_\_\_ ages, \_\_\_\_\_ ruled the battlefield. They sat upon their \_\_\_\_\_ with their bodies covered in \_\_\_\_\_ and charged their \_\_\_\_\_. Generally speaking, knights came from the \_\_\_\_\_ because only the wealthy could \_\_\_\_\_ horses, armor, and \_\_\_\_\_. The nobles spent much of their time perfecting \_\_\_\_\_ skills such as \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. A noble was called a \_\_\_\_\_ and lived on a large farm called a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Those Who Work: Serfs

On the manor, the people who worked were called \_\_\_\_\_. In return for some land to farm, the serfs gave some of their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the lord of the manor. They also paid to use the lord's \_\_\_\_\_ to grind their grain. Serfs also had to pay a tenth of their crops, called a \_\_\_\_\_ to the church. The serfs were not \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the land. But in return, the lord of the manor could not \_\_\_\_\_ them to leave the land either. Serfs generally had a very \_\_\_\_\_ life. Their children began \_\_\_\_\_ at an early age clearing \_\_\_\_\_ from the fields and chasing \_\_\_\_\_ away from the crops.



## Those Who Pray: Monks

\_\_\_\_\_ was an important part of medieval life. And so, many people joined \_\_\_\_\_ and became monks. Monasteries were also important because the monks made \_\_\_\_\_ of old books. The best \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe were in the monasteries. Many of the monks were the \_\_\_\_\_ or third sons of nobles. They became monks because they could not \_\_\_\_\_ the manor when their father died.