

Life in Medieval Towns

History Alive! Chapter 4

Question 1: (4.1)

What physical barrier surrounded most medieval towns?

Question 2: (4.1)

Describe what a typical town center might have looked like. (the streets, the shops, the people, etc)

Question 3: (4.2)

When agriculture improved and farmers grew more than they needed, what did they do with the excess crops?

Question 4: (4.2)

What was a “royal charter” and what did it do to the balance of power in a town?

Question 5: (4.3)

Name one type of guild. Is it a merchant guild or a craft guild?

Question 6: (4.3)

How did an apprentice prove to a guild that they were good enough to go into business for themselves?

Question 7: (4.4)

What is the difference between a market and a faire?

Question 8: (4.4)

Why, in medieval towns, was it sometimes hard for Jews to make a living?

Question 9: (4.5)

True or false (and explain):

Because towns were crowded, merchant families had to live in the countryside.

Question 10: (4.6)

Name two diseases that were common (and uncured) in the middle ages.

Question 11: (4.6)

Explain how people dealt with diseases in the middle ages (what were some ways they tried to treat or cure them?).

Question 12: (4.7)

The determination of a person's guilt or innocence was done by trial by "ordeal" or trial by "combat". Choose one and describe it, then explain why they thought it was fair or right.

Question 13: (4.7)

Describe one type of punishment for a lesser crime and one for a serious crime.

Question 14: (4.8)

Name one form of medieval entertainment that doesn't exist any more (hopefully) and one form that DOES still exist today.

Question 15: (any)

Tell me one thing that you remember from the chapter that I didn't ask about on this quiz.