

Project Passport World History Study:

THE MIDDLE AGES

Scope and Sequence

Grades: 3rd – 8th

The Middle Ages offers an in depth, hands-on view of the Middle Ages from the fall of the Roman Empire through the beginnings of the Renaissance. Students investigate everyday medieval life, what people ate and drank, what they wore, and where they lived. They also learn about medieval science, medicine, inventions, education, art, and business, along with the history of the Church, the Crusades, Vikings, knights, and medieval battles and wars. The unit is designed to teach students through kinesthetic means, utilizing the senses and motor skills. Where younger students may need more guidance and assistance with the projects, older students should be able to handle the majority of the unit independently. Each lesson contains text and a generous amount of projects providing flexibility of choice to fit each range of grade levels. This is done with the understanding that not all of the projects are required to be completed, a factor that varies with each situation and is also heavily influenced by the age of the students. One lesson also does not necessarily constitute one day — although many can be done in a day, projects chosen will determine the length of each lesson. In addition, a series of dramatized audio tours are included that take the student through a medieval castle, a Viking village, a monastery, the battle of Hastings, and more. Finally, there is an additional resource list of books, videos, and audio to add to the study if desired.

Key:

- Italics indicates title for a text lesson in the unit
- Asterisk indicates a project
- Parentheses contains number of the lesson it can be found in

I. History / Social Studies (Cultural Studies)

- a. “Snapshot Moments in History” Timeline*(1-18, 20-24)
- b. The Fall of the Roman Empire and beginning of the Dark Ages (1-3)
 - i. *Laying the Foundation — Part I: (Packing for the Trip)* (1)
 - ii. *Laying the Foundation — Part II: Barbarians in the South & East* (2)
 1. The Goths
 2. The Vandals
 3. The Huns
 - iii. *Laying the Foundation — Part III: Barbarians in the North & West* (3)
 1. Barbarian invasions of England
 2. The Franks
 3. The Byzantine Empire
- c. Everyday Life during the Middle Ages (4-7)
 - i. *Everyday Life Part I – Family* (4)
 1. Feudalism (4)
 2. Family Life (4)
 3. Houses (4)
 4. The Medieval Structure of the Classes (Lapbook & Larger versions)*(4)
 5. “Interview Among the Classes” (Audio Tour) (4)
 - ii. *Everyday Life Part II – Clothing and Food* (5)
 1. Clothing (5)
 2. Food and drink (5)
 3. Table manners (5)
 4. Feasts (5)

5. Clothing of the Era (...and Puppetry!)*(5)
6. Dining Out Guide*(5)
- iii. *Everyday Life Part III – Community* (6)
 1. Life in a Castle (6)
 2. Life in a Village (6)
 3. Life in a Town (6)
 4. The Castle*(6)
 5. Life in a Castle*(6)
 6. Souvenir Craft Card: “Sculpt with Marzipan”*(6)
 7. Build a Castle*(6)
- iv. *Everyday Life Part IV – Crime, Punishment... and Entertainment* (7)
 1. Entertainment (7)
 2. Holidays (7)
 3. Crime and Punishment (7)
 4. Jousting*(7)
 5. Justinian’s Code*(7)
 6. Games of the Middle Ages: “Fox & Geese”*(7)
 7. “Trade Festival on a Holy Day” (Audio Tour) (7)
- d. *Business* (8-9)
 - i. *Business Part I – Towns and Guilds* (8)
 1. The Town*(8)
 2. Life in a Town*(8)
 3. “Visiting a Village, Town, and Castle” (Audio Tour) (8)
 - ii. *Business Part II – Merchants, Trade, and Exploration* (9)
 1. The Hanseatic League (9)
 2. Explorers (9)
 3. Trade Goods*(9)
 4. Matching Game of Occupations*(9)
 5. Souvenir Craft Card: “Rosewater”*(9)
- e. *Science and Invention* (10)
- f. *Education* (11)
 - i. Medieval School (11)
 - ii. Education in the Middle Ages*(11)
- g. *The Arts* (12)
 - i. Tapestries (12)
 - ii. Stained glass windows (12)
 - iii. Books (12)
 - iv. Architecture and Cathedrals (12)
 - v. Medieval music (12)
- h. *Medicine and Disease* (13)
 - i. The Black Death (13)
 - ii. The Black Death and Other Nasty Diseases*(13)
 - iii. Souvenir Craft Card: “Herb Salts”*(13)
 - iv. “Detour!” (Audio Tour) (13)
- i. *The Church* (14-16)
 - i. *The Church Part I – History* (14)
 1. The Pope (14)
 2. Catholicism (14)
 3. The Orthodox Church (14)
 4. Pilgrimages (14)
 5. What’s a Pilgrimage*(14)
 6. Souvenir Craft Card: “Pilgrim Badge”*(14)

7. Chaucer and His Canterbury Tales*(14)
- ii. *The Church Part II – Church and Other Religious Events* (15)
 1. Iconoclast Controversy (15)
 2. The Great Schism (15)
 3. Persecutions and Heretics (15)
 4. The Albigensian Crusade (15)
 5. Islam (15)
 6. The Rise of Islam*(15)
- iii. *The Church Part III – Monastic Life* (16)
 1. The Life of a Monk (16)
 2. Different Kinds of Monks and Friars (16)
 3. Dominicans (16)
 4. Franciscans (16)
 5. Cistercians (16)
 6. Life in a Monastery*(16)
 7. “Touring a Monastery (Audio Tour) (16)
- j. The Crusades (17-18)
 - i. *The Crusades Part I – The Big Four* (17)
 1. The 1st Crusade (17)
 2. The 2nd Crusade (17)
 3. The 3rd Crusade (17)
 4. The 4th Crusade (17)
 5. Famous People of the Crusades*(17)
 - ii. *The Crusades Part II – Other Crusades* (18)
 1. 5th-9th Crusades (18)
 2. Crusading Orders (18)
 3. The Children’s Crusade (18)
- k. *Knights and Chivalry* (19)
 - i. Becoming a Knight (19)
 - ii. Chivalry (19)
 - iii. Heraldry, Armor, and Weapons (19)
 - iv. Steps from Page to Knight*(19)
 - v. The Coat of Arms*(19)
 - vi. The Code of Chivalry*(19)
- l. The Vikings (20-21)
 - i. *The Vikings Part I – Viking Life* (20)
 1. Life in a Viking Settlement*(20)
 - ii. *The Vikings Part II – Era of the Vikings* (21)
 1. The Vikings in Russia and Eastern Europe (21)
 2. The Vikings in Western Europe and the New World (21)
 3. The Vikings in England (21)
 4. “A Viking Village” (Audio Tour) (21)
- m. Battles, Wars, and Conflicts (22-24)
 - i. *Battle, Wars, and Conflicts, Part I – The Muslim Invasions* (22)
 1. The Muslims and the Byzantines (22)
 2. The Muslims in Spain and the rest of Europe (22)
 3. The Reconquista (22)
 4. Medieval Weaponry & Armor*(22)
 - ii. *Battle, Wars, and Conflicts, Part II – Eastern Europe* (23)
 1. Otto the Great and the Battle of Lechfeld (23)
 2. The Mongols (23)
 3. The Hussite War (23)

4. File Folder Game “Journey Through the Middle Ages”* (23)
- iii. *Battle, Wars, and Conflicts, Part III – England* (24)
 1. The Wars of Scottish Independence (24)
 2. Wat Tyler’s Rebellion (24)
 3. The Hundred Years War (24)
 4. The Wars of the Roses (24)
 5. The Magna Carta*(24)
 6. “The Battle of Hastings” (Audio Tour) (24)

II. Language

- a. Creative Writing
 - i. “The Medieval Times” Newspaper*(1-2, 4-5, 7-24)
- b. Reading
 - i. (*Lesson texts*)
- c. Languages and Terminology
 - i. File Folder Game “Journey Through the Middle Ages”* (23)
 - ii. Matching Game of Occupations*(9)

III. Geography

- a. Map of barbarian invasions*(3)

IV. The Arts

- a. Lapbook
- b. Souvenir Craft Card: “Robin Hood Cap” & “Flower Wreath Circlet”* (5)
- c. Souvenir Craft Card: “Mosaic Art”* (12)
- d. Souvenir Craft Card: “Stained Glass Art”* (12)
- e. Icon Art* (15)
- f. Create an Illumination* (16)
- g. Souvenir Craft Cards: “Panel Painting – The Four Alls”* (18)
- h. Souvenir Craft Cards: “The Viking Longship”* (21)
- i. Souvenir Craft Card: “Make a Catapult!”* (22)
- j. The Bayeux Tapestry* (24)
- k. Souvenir Craft Card: “Make a Tapestry”* (24)