

History – Year 7 – Spring 2 – Medieval Life – Knowledge

Organiser

Key term	Definition
Serf	A person who had to work on a lord's land and was not free to leave.
Peasant	A poor farmer who worked the land
Tithe	A payment (usually 10% of earnings) given to the Church.
Excommunication	When someone is kicked out of the Church .
Humour	In medieval medicine, the four liquids in the body (blood, phlegm, black bile, yellow bile)
Agriculture	Farming; growing crops and raising animals
Miasma	The idea that diseases were caused by bad or dirty air
Treason	Betraying your country or king.
Heresy	Going against the teachings of the Church
Purging	A way doctors tried to cure illness by making the body get rid of fluids (like bleeding or vomiting)
Revision	Local History



Why was Religion important?

The Pope was in charge of the Catholic church – everyone payed a tithe, making the church rich and powerful.



The church in England was led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Services were read in Latin. The priests preached about the importance of sin free life and heaven and hell.



Doom paintings were used to scare peasants into following the rules.



Medieval Villages vs Towns

Villages

- Small, a few hundred people
- Agriculture economy
- Mostly peasants and serfs.
- Scattered houses, fields and a church
- Controlled by a local lord (feudal system)

Towns

- Larger, hundreds to several thousand.
- Trade, crafts, some farming.
- Jobs included blacksmiths, weavers, traders, cobblers etc
- Compact houses with streets and market squares.
- Self governed by a council.

Four Humours

Four liquids in your body (phlegm, blood, yellow and black bile). If they are imbalanced, you become ill.



Crime

Treason – Execution

Heresy – Trial by Ordeal – Excommunication



Gossiping – Scolds bridle

Murder of Thomas Becket

Thomas Becket was murdered in 1170 by four knights in Canterbury Cathedral after a conflict with King Henry II over the power of the Church.

Causes

- God
- Miasma
- Four Humour

Black Death

Treatment

- Praying
- Purging
- Blood-

Impact

- 1/3rd dead
- Towns deserte