



Abbot

Taken from the late Latin and Greek *abbas* and the Aramaic *abba*, for “father,” the term **abbot** refers to the superior of a community of monks (an abbey). Early abbots may have been appointed by the Church or by their predecessors, but as time went on, abbots were elected from among their fellow monks in a secret ballot. By the High Middle Ages, a monk had to be at least thirty and have been a monk for ten years to be eligible to lead the abbey. Abbots and their female counterparts, abbesses, serve for life.

A monastery was a collection of buildings centered around a church and inhabited by monastics. The community was, usually, either entirely male and governed by an abbot, or entirely female and governed by an abbess. The exception was the double monastery, which was often run by an abbess. Monasteries were usually founded by a specific monastic order and arranged according to that order's customs.

Monks have to remain celibate and had own little or no personal property. Life is socially separate from the surrounding populace. Members of the monastic community may spend most of their time isolated even from each other.

The life within the walls of a monastery may be supported in several ways: by manufacturing and selling goods, often agricultural products, by donations or alms.

Monasteries usually provided hospitable, charitable and hospital services. Monasteries was associated with the provision of education and the encouragement of scholarship and research.

During middle ages, one of the most important tasks of the monasteries was transcript books of the philosophers and wise of the ancient times and religious books.

Goals

Goal n^o1. Make a list of 5 of the books more copied by monks in early middle ages. Make a small card of each.

Standars of quality:

- The list is realistic
- The cards include: Author, year, picture, brieg summary of the book...

Goal n°2. Make a adjustment plan in order to build a new hospice. You need to buy materials and hire a builder. Choose the best season of the year and think how you are going to get the resources you need it.

Standars of quality:

- The plan is realistic and completed.
- Indentify all the materials you need to build the hospice
- Stablish how you are going to get all the necessities.

Goal n°3. Make the daily timetable of the monks who will be in the new hospice. You can not forget all the prayers times.

Standars of quality:

- Include all the prayers of the monks
- The timetable is realistic and complete
- The timetable follows the rule: “Ora et labora”



Goal n°4. Find the chapel of the Castle and draw how it would be originally.

Standars of quality:

- The drawing is accurate and colored.
- Include all the elements necesaries for a medieval chapel