



Knights

Medieval knights were the professional warrior class of Europe, responsible for defending their feudal lord's territory from rival lords and keeping the local serfdom in line with the lord's rule. Knights were frequently members of the noble class, with the title inherited through the father.

The primary role of a knight in medieval society was to fight battles for his lord, similar to that of the samurai of Japan. Knights were an elite class of warriors that specialized in armored combat from horseback and used weapons such as the long sword, lance, dagger and various blunt weapons.

They conducted themselves according to the Code of Chivalry, which stressed courtly etiquette and valor in battle as well as devout Christian faith.

Not only did knights protect their lords from attack by other lords, but they also served as a military force for the king of the country should he require it. The king had the right to request all lords to offer a contingent of knights in defense of the land or in offensive actions such as the Crusades. Knights performed military services for lords within a kingdom. Clergymen during the Crusades established a moral code in

Which a knight must also protect churches, women, orphans and the weak.

A king could **marry just about anyone he pleased**, although it was important to choose wisely. Marriages were prime **opportunities for forming alliances**, and a king could only hope that his politically advantageous bride could also bear him a nice supply of heirs.

Goals

Goal n°1. Make a drawing that include all the equipment of a medieval knight, including the name of every element and the clothes of the horse. Explain what was used for.

Standards of quality:

- The quality of the drawing
- Include all the equipment and its name
- The description of the use of each element is realistic and concrete.

Goal n^o2. Write a love letter addressed to a lady of the nobility, be aware that is an imposible love.

Standars of quality:

- Use a formal language
- Use different ways to win your lady
- Present your skills and goods

Goal n^o3. You are “El Cid” . Write a letter to Alfonso VI in order to became his servant.

Standars of quality:

- Use a formal language
- Be realistic and include historical aspects of the history of el Cid and Alfonso VI.
- Present your skills to the King.



Goal n^o4. Make a map of the castle that includes the strategies that you are going to follow to attack the castle.

Standars of quality:

- The drawing is accurate.
- Include at least 4 different attacking methods.
- The attacking methods are from the medieval times