

Medieval Research Assignment

Value: 50 marks for the presentation; 10 marks for effort in library classes.

Due: Friday, December 4, 2009.

In this assignment you are to do some in-depth research on one of the following topics:

- Medieval European Castles
- The Medieval Church
- Medieval European Cathedrals
- The Manor
- The Crusades

You may present your work in a written report, in a PowerPoint presentation, or as a documentary film or slide show or narrated slide show. **You may work alone or with one partner** – but both partners will receive exactly the same mark on their presentation, since I am unable to tell how much each person does outside the class. Partners are marked separately on their bibliographic information gathering form, rough notes and diagrams. Each person will also receive an additional 10 marks for their effort and application while working in the library.

You must be careful to keep a copy of all notes taken and you will create a bibliography, giving all required data on all sources used in your research. We will go over how to do this in class. Be careful not to lose rough work, as there may be marks attached to it.

No matter what form your presentation takes, you will be expected to hand in the following:

- A bibliographical information gathering form (2 marks) and a formal bibliography (3 marks). Total: 5 marks. Note: Your bibliography must include at least 3 print sources and World Book Online.
- A collection of notes (10 marks). This must not be just material copied and pasted from your sources. It must include your own thoughts and summaries, and, where you include quoted material, it must identify the author, title of the work you got it from, and a page number if it is from a book. If you collect material from web pages, you need to submit all of the same information as well as the URL, the date the material was created, and the date that you accessed it. Wikipedia articles may not be used as project research because these articles can be edited by anyone, at any time, and are not always accurate. If you work with a partner, I will expect to see a collection of notes from each partner and will mark them separately.
- Diagrams that you make yourself (10 marks) – not just downloaded diagrams. Simply downloading this kind of information does not help you learn it, but copying it by hand or by forming it yourself on a computer does help you do so. This material may be integrated into your final project, but I expect to see them also included in your rough notes. If you work with a partner, I expect to see diagrams in the notes that each partner submits. These are evaluated separately.

- Your final project (25 marks). If your work is a written report or PowerPoint, spelling and grammar will be taken into consideration in evaluating your work. If you submit your report as a video, you will be evaluated on the quality of your narration. Video material can be submitted in any of the following formats:
 - o AVI format
 - o Windows Media format.
 - o QuikTime media format.
 - o MPEG format
 - o RealVideo format
 - o Shockwave (Flash) format

I cannot guarantee being able to read other formats, so would not be able to evaluate projects created in them.

Please do not submit work in a format that can only be read on an Apple computer, as I do not have one at home or at school. You may use Microsoft's Photostory 3 programme if you like, and if your work can be read in any DVD player, that is also acceptable.

You will be given 3 class periods to work in the library. All other work must be done on your own time, outside of class, and at the same time as regular class work is being assigned.

Good luck and enjoy the project!

