

Medieval History: Lords, Ladies, Castles and Vassals: Life in the Middle Ages

Dates: September 11- October 23 (7 weeks)

Instructor: Laura DeLima

Objective: In this immersive history class, students will delve into the world of the European Middle Ages; a world of pageantry, wandering musicians and gallant knights as well as one darkened by plague, violence, and a brutal class system.

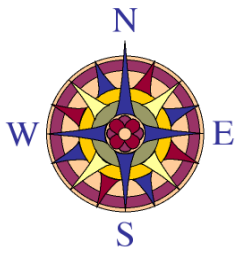
The class will begin with how and why the Middle Ages came to be with the fall of Rome in the 5th Century AD. With a focus on daily life, the course will progress through the “dark ages,” feudalism and castles, the “Black Death,” and conclude with a lesson on Byzantium—the bright spot of learning during the era.

The class is interactive and encourages critical and creative thinking, allowing students the chance to design and construct a castle and act out scenes of daily life. The class will require reading and writing skills to be at grade level or above.

Please note: This course is the first in series of courses on European Medieval History. It can be taken as a stand-alone course or in conjunction with the courses to be offered the following quarters: The Crusades (2nd quarter), Tales from Medieval Times (3rd quarter) and A Whole New World (4th quarter).

Preliminary Course Outline

<u>Week</u>	<u>Theme/Topic</u>
1.	Darkness Descends: The Barbarian Invasions & the Fall of Rome
2.	The Dark Ages



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3. Feudalism I
4. Feudalism II
5. Feudalism III
6. The Black Death
7. Byzantium

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