



## Critical Thinking and Research Assignment



Your goal is to learn about **Medieval Times**. You will explore and examine through various aspects such as The Power of the Secular Rulers, Daily life, and the Power of the Catholic Church. Choose **one** (or more) from each of the 3 categories listed below.

You will be using your critical literacy skills to evaluate the information you find on the topics. By the end of the unit, you will demonstrate an understanding of the important and relevant information which will be evident in the culminating task of documenting, reporting and presenting informational text of the subject matter.

As you research your topic, document your sources, if you are using a book make notes of page numbers with relevant information so can you cite the text during class discussion. You must keep a progress log of your data and information in your *research notebook*.

A written report along with a power point presentation will accompany your research as a final product. Both your report and presentation needs to demonstrate an analysis of today's popular culture as influenced by this era.

### The Power of the

#### Secular Rulers

The Vikings  
Anglo-Saxons  
Trial by Ordeal (*vs. Jury*)  
Feudalism  
The Manorial System  
Charlemagne  
Role of Women  
Magna Carta

### The Power of the

#### Catholic Church

Parish Priest and the Sacraments  
Nobility: Kings, Lords, Ladies, Knights  
The Inquisition  
The Crusades  
Gregorian Chants  
Holy Relics  
Church Council –Beggars/Friars  
Nuns, Monks & St. Benedict  
Education

### Daily Life

Castles & Cathedrals  
Plays & Dramas  
Coat of Arms, Shields  
Banks/Money/ Trade  
Fairs/Marketplace  
Food & Entertainment  
Clothing & Status  
Music/Literature  
Crafts/Weapons/Tools

You will be learning about the society of the people during the medieval times, the religion, the economy, structures of towns and castles, the food, clothing, art, music, craft, weapons/tools, the jousts and tournaments.