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Date: _____
Period: _____

Medieval Writing Prompt

Acrostic Poem

Directions, Format & Rubric

Medieval Poem Due Date: _____ Medieval Poem = _____ Points (use Rubric on back)

Step 1: Review the task Directions, Format and Rubric

Directions: You have chosen the identity of a person living in the Middle Ages. You will create an illuminated acrostic poem based on the word MEDIEVAL. The poem will describe the life of the person or social class you have chosen.

Step 2: Take notes using the Pre-Writing organizer (must be turned in with the poem) List each book you use on the Resource List.

Your notes and Medieval Poem **MUST** include the following information about your person:

- Social Class, Role in Feudal System, Source of Power (if any)
- Job and Responsibilities including ways Loyalty is shown
- Type of Food, Clothing, Home, Family Life, Religious Practices
- Typical Problems and Concerns

Step 3: Write Poem (you may want to write a draft first)

The Medieval Poem **MUST** ...

- be an acrostic spelling the word MEDIEVAL in illuminated letters
- have 8 stanzas and each stanza must have at least 4 lines
- be written in pen (not pencil) using the correct format.
(Stained paper is optional and **NO BURNED EDGES!**)
- have attached evidence of Pre-Writing (Notes) and a Resource List

Step 4: Assess your Poem using the Rubric on the back

Step 5: Turn in the Pre-Writing organizer and the Poem on the due date.

WRITTEN RESPONSE RUBRIC FOR SOCIAL STUDIES –

SCORE 4 = Substantial amount of information showing complete understanding of medieval social class.

Lyrics are correctly written and display variety and creativity.

Acrostic Poem of eight stanzas spelling M-E-D-I-E-V-A-L is correctly formatted

Each stanza begins with a creative and colorful illuminated letter from M-E-D-I-E-V-A-L.

Each stanza has at least four lines.

Few, if any, errors in grammar, usage or mechanics are evident.

Poem is written in ink on unlined paper.

Evidence of Pre-Writing – Notes and Resource List are attached.

Project is turned in on time.

SCORE 3 = Moderate amount of information showing general understanding of medieval social class.

Acrostic Poem of eight stanzas spelling M-E-D-I-E-V-A-L

Acrostic Poem may contain minor organizational flaws.

Lyrics may contain some errors in grammar, usage or mechanics.

Each stanza begins with a colorful illuminated letter from M-E-D-I-E-V-A-L

Response is written in ink on unlined paper.

Evidence of Pre-Writing – Notes and Resource List are attached

SCORE 2 = Minimal amount of information with some evidence of understanding medieval social class.

Errors are seen in acrostic poem organization and lyric structure.

Fewer than eight stanzas and/or four lines per stanza

Poem is not an acrostic based on M-E-D-I-E-V-A-L

Many errors are evident in grammar, usage and/or mechanics.

Some evidence of Pre-writing and Resources is turned in.

SCORE 1 = Minimal or irrelevant response indicates an incomplete assignment.

Response shows little focus or organization and many errors in grammar, usage and/or mechanics.

Little or no evidence of Pre-Writing is turned in.

SCORE 0 = Other. No evidence of construction of meaning. Majority of work is incomplete.

(4) 45-50 points = A (3) 40-44 = B (2) 35-39 = C (1) 30-34 = D (0) 29 and below = E