

Medieval Festival Stations

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Topic	Activity or Display Ideas
Castles	Model castle; simulated tour of castle; poster of castle construction
Clothing	Fashion show of costumes of various social classes; weaving or spinning demonstration
Agriculture	Model of agricultural estate; role-play of tasks
The Rich and the Poor	Role-play of feudal class system showing roles and obligations of each person
Cities	Skits of urban problems (e.g., sanitation, crime, fires...) and urban celebrations (e.g., fairs, markets, buildings...)
Sports and Recreation	Simulated tournaments, falconry, bow and arrow, fencing, live chess games, manufacture of banners/heraldry, jugglers, puppets, labyrinths
Wars	Construction of simulated arms, armour, shields; interactive map of Crusade routes; simulation of knighthood ceremony and oath of allegiance
Science or Magic?	Demonstration of the "fours humours"; simulated medical treatments, alchemy experiments
Superstition, Legends, and Fairy Tales	Readings of fairy tales with medieval setting; dramatizations of legends (e.g., King Arthur, Robin Hood...); accusations of witchcraft; poems about knights, courtly love, chivalry
Education	Calligraphy lesson; Latin lesson; readings from the Bible; readings of medieval poetry; role-plays of religious instruction by monks
Religion	Models, drawings, or 3-D puzzles of cathedrals; Gregorian chants; stained glass images and religious art; role-plays questioning heretics
Art	Draw a section of Bayeux tapestry; practise calligraphy; display/reproduce illuminated manuscripts; reproduce paintings; make clay gargoyles or statues
Food	Sample menus and meals of Middle Ages; role-play of the manor table with nobles and peasants
Health and Illness	Maps showing the outbreaks of Black Plague; simulations of preachers calling the plague a punishment from God; role-play of people's reactions to the plague; demonstration of sanitary conditions and practices
Artisans and Guilds	Role-play of Master and Apprentice in training; craft displays: carpentry, jewellery, stained glass, weaving
Music and Dance	Troubadours; minstrels reciting poetry; flute music; dance displays; simulated musical instrument fabrication
Justice and Laws	Simulated trial by ordeal or trial by jury; role-play of punishments and sentences; dramatization of the proclamation of a law by a king