

7TH Grade Ancient History

Medieval Times Newspaper

Driving Question: What was happening with culture, religion, wars, and advancements in Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, West Africa, China, Japan, and the Americas during the middle ages?

Content: Standard Identifier: HSS-7.1 Grade: 7

7.1 Students analyze the causes and effects of the vast expansion and ultimate disintegration of the Roman Empire.

7.2 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Islam in the Middle Ages.

7.3 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of China in the Middle Ages.

7.4 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the sub-Saharan civilizations of Ghana and Mali in Medieval Africa.

7.5 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Medieval Japan.

Major Products: The final product will be a magazine, journal, or newspaper with at least 25 pages not including the cover and back of the magazine. One page will be dedicated to the culture/religion of each region, one page the conflicts/wars, and one page the changes/advancements these cultures contributed to human society. The regions are Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, West Africa, China, Japan, and the Americas. They will have 3 pages per region and 4 ads pages they create about contemporary products, for example a bubonic plague remover spray.

Public Presentation: Students will present their final products at the end of the two week work session. Students will do a 3-5 minute presentation on their magazine. This will be filmed and edited and made available to parents.

