

7TH Grade Medieval History

Trebuchets vs Stone Walls:

What can trebuchets and the layout of medieval towns tell us about daily life in Medieval Europe?

Driving Question: What can Trebuchets, stone walls, and the layout of European cities tell us about what daily life was like for people in Europe during the Middle Ages?

Content: Standard Identifier: HSS-7.6 Grade: **7**

Course: World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times, Grade 7

7.6 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Medieval Europe.

1. Study the geography of the Europe and the Eurasian land mass, including its location, topography, waterways, vegetation, and climate and their relationship to ways of life in Medieval Europe.

3. Understand the development of feudalism, its role in the medieval European economy, the way in which it was influenced by physical geography (the role of the manor and the growth of towns), and how feudal relationships provided the foundation of political order.

Major Products: Students will be producing a model of a medieval town, complete with walls. They will also construct a trebuchet and see how much force it takes to knock down a part of a wall. Students will create a write-up of why they included each section of the medieval town, and the cultural, societal, religious, governmental, or economic purpose that section of the town had. They will synthesize their reasoning and the makeup of the town in a presentation which will include a digital and physical presentation component.

Public presentation: This presentation, along with the models of the town, trebuchet, and simulated wall made to be knocked over, will be filmed and made into a video that can be shared with parents and the general public.

