

7.03 Medieval Religion

Key Vocabulary

1	chivalry	(n) the qualities expected of an ideal knight including courage, honour, and being prepared to help those in need.
2	Church	(n) the institution of the Christian Church, including all the people who ran it and all the individual churches.
3	church	(n) a Christian place of worship.
4	clergy	(n) officials of the Church led by the pope.
5	crusade	(n) wars between European Christians and Middle Eastern Muslims that occurred 1095-1291.
6	excommunication	(n) power of the pope to expel someone from the Church.
7	laity	(n) ordinary people who attend church but do not hold official religious positions.
8	martyr	(n) a person who suffers or is killed because of their religious or political beliefs.
9	mass	(n) religious service on a Sunday that worshippers were expected to attend.
10	monastery	(n) a building in which monks live and worship.
11	persecution	(n) unfair or cruel treatment over a long period of time because of race, religion or beliefs.
12	pilgrimage	(n) a journey typically taken to a site of religious importance.
13	purgatory	(n) a place where an individual's soul stayed until all their sins had been forgiven. .
14	relic	(n) part of a saint's body or something they owned which was believed to have the power to perform miracles.

Themes and Threads

Power



The control a person or group has in a country.

For example, the Church had their very own hierarchy comprised of the pope, archbishop, bishops, priests, monks and nuns.

This includes threads such as warfare and protest.

Identity



The qualities and characteristics that make a person who they are and what they value as important.

For example, while Christianity (Catholicism) was the most common religion in medieval England, people following other faiths lived in England at this time too.

This includes threads such as the role of women.

Connectivity



The act of joining or being linked to somewhere, someone or something else.

For example, Jews migrated to England in 1070, invited by William I.

This includes threads such as trade and medicine.

Church hierarchy

