


Knowledge organiser: What was life like in Medieval England?

<p>Life in medieval England was based on the feudal system and was very basic. Christianity was central to peoples' lives. It gave people jobs, influenced their ideas and led to huge arguments.</p>		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words	
		1162	Henry II asks Thomas Becket to become Archbishop of Canterbury.	Villein	A person who is bound to the land and owned by the feudal lord.
Summarise your learning		October 1164	Henry puts Thomas on trial for treason but he runs away to France.	Feudal	A system of dividing up the land and distributing the land in return for a service.
<p>Topic 1: What was life like for medieval people?</p>	<p>Life was based around the feudal system. Villeins worked for the Lords of the Manor in each village and were not allowed to leave. Medicine was based on superstition and the four humours. Crimes were judged by trials by justice. The only leisure time people had were holy days.</p>	May 1166	Thomas is given the power to excommunicate people.	Four Humours	The liquids that were believed to make up the body: blood, phlegm, yellow bile and black bile.
		November 1170	Thomas excommunicates three bishops who were loyal to Henry.	Crime	An action that breaks the law.
<p>Topic 2: Why could no one ignore the Church?</p>	<p>People believed in purgatory, heaven and hell. They took actions to make up for their sins during their lifetimes. Some people even became monks and nuns and dedicated their lives to God.</p>	December 1170	Thomas is murdered in Canterbury Cathedral.	Punishment	The penalty for doing something wrong or a crime.
		1174	Henry goes on a pilgrimage to Thomas's tomb.	Afterlife	What happens to a person after death.
<p>Topic 3: Why was Thomas Becket murdered?</p>	<p>Henry II wanted to control the Church, using Thomas Becket to help him. Thomas would not help. Henry II went into a rage, causing some of his knights to murder Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.</p>			Purgatory	Catholics believe in a place in between heaven and hell where sins are paid for.
		Who was responsible for Becket's murder?		Monastery	A building where monks live.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry II? • The Knights? • Becket himself? 		Excommunication	When someone is banned from going to church, which meant you would go to hell.
				Martyr	Someone who dies for their beliefs.