

CREATE YOUR OWN MEDIEVAL MANOR

Purpose: The manor was the lord's estate. A manor system was the basic economic arrangement. It rested on a set of rights and obligations between a lord and his serfs. The lord provided the serfs with housing, farmland, and protection from bandits. In return, serfs tended the lord's lands, cared for his animals, and performed other tasks to maintain the estate.

A manor typically covered only a few square miles of land and usually consisted of the lord's manor house, a church, and the workshops. Fifteen to thirty families lived in the village on a manor. Fields, pastures, and woodlands surrounded the village. It was a self-sufficient community because they were able to raise or produce nearly everything that they and their lorded needed for daily life.

Assignment: You will create your own medieval manor either on the back of this sheet or on a separate sheet of paper. Below is a list of websites you may use to guide you. Use this as a guide. Please add in your own individuality to your manor. At the bottom of your manor, write 3-4 sentences that explain how your manor allowed the people living on it to be self-sufficient.

Below are some websites that will help you plan out your medieval manor:

http://medievalmanor.tripod.com/manor_full.htm

<ftp://ftp.heritageacademies.com/ET/CurriculumCenter/NHAHistoryInteractive/Feudalism/manorvirtualtour.html>

http://go.hrw.com/hrw.nd/gohrw_rls1/pKeywordResults?ST9%20Medieval%20Manor

The following items must be included in your manor (you made others if you want):

1. Manor House: The house of the lord and his family and their servants.
2. Village Church: Site of both religious services and public meetings.
3. Peasant cottages: Where the peasants lived.
4. Lord's Demesne: Fields owned by the lord and worked by the peasants.
5. Workshops: Where tools, clothing, furniture, etc. were made.
6. Mill: Water-powered mill for grinding grain.
7. Common Pasture: Common area for grazing animals.
8. Woodland: Forests provided wood for fuel.

Grading Rubric

Category	Possible Points
Includes detailed statement connecting the manor to self-sufficiency	2
Creativity <i>Includes images and color</i> <i>Appropriate to the time period/looks like a medieval manor</i>	1
All eight elements are included on manor	2