

# History Odyssey

## Middle Ages (level two) Lesson Sample

### Lesson 38

- Add significant dates to your timeline.

1215 King John signs the Magna Carta at Runnymede  
1216 Henry III King of England  
1265 Simon de Montford calls the 1<sup>st</sup> English Parliament  
1272 Edward I King of England  
1307 Edward II King of England

- Locate the copy of the Magna Carta in Appendix B. Try reading it but don't worry if a lot of it is confusing. Many of the articles in the Magna Carta only pertained to the time they were written, but a few have meaning for us today. Choose five articles to summarize; choose #39 and four others. Rewrite the articles you chose in everyday language. What laws, if any, do we have that are similar to the ones you summarized. Which ones seem unfair? Which basic constitutional right we have today is similar to article #39? (If you don't know, ask an attorney!) Place your work in the Summaries section of your binder.

### Lesson 39 Ireland

- Read KFH pgs. 154 -155.
- Outline these pages and title your outline "Ireland." Place your outline in the Summaries section of your binder.
- Locate map #9 "Medieval Ireland." Using the map on pg. 154 of KFH, label water areas, label the five major kingdoms, and label The English Pale. Also label the cities of Clontarf, Dublin, and Kilkenny. Using your modern day atlas, find the cities of Cork, Limerick, and Waterford. Label these on your map. Draw two large arrows pointing at Ireland to show the invaders of Ireland. Label one arrow "Vikings A.D. 795" and one "Normans A.D. 1170."
- Add the following people to your Men & Women section along with a short summary of each:

**St. Patrick**

**Strongbow (Richard de Clare)**

**Dermot MacMurrough Kavanagh**

**Brian Boru\***

\*More information about Brian Boru can be found at this web site:

[www.irishclans.com/articles/famirish/borub.html](http://www.irishclans.com/articles/famirish/borub.html)

Add significant dates to your timeline.

- 432 St. Patrick introduces Christianity to Ireland
- 795 Vikings begin raiding Ireland
- 1014 Brian Boru defeats the Vikings in Ireland
- 1166 Rory O'Connor King of Ireland
- 1170 Strongbow and Normans invade Ireland
- 1530 Henry VIII imposes English control over Ireland

## Lesson 40

Library Trip! Choose one of the people from the last lesson to research and write a biography. Place your biography in your Men & Women section.

## Lesson 41 *Adam of the Road*

Read *Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Janet Gray. Try to finish this book in one week. When you have finished with the book, proceed to the next lesson for an assignment. As you read, pay attention to the main theme of this book - The importance of the individual and his ability to recognize his own talents and choose his own path in life.

Elizabeth Janet Gray wrote:

*A sense of history helps us to understand the present and plan the future, and that on the worth and dignity of the individual human being, our civilization with its conception of freedom is based.*

## Lesson 42

In *Adam of the Road*, Adam meets many people on his travels from several different medieval occupations including minstrel, pilgrim, squire, preacher, miller, merchant, and plowman. Some of these characters try to encourage Adam to take up their profession. But Adam makes up his own mind in the end.

Research a medieval occupation and write a one to two page report. You may want to add colorful drawings to your report. You could also make and model a costume of the occupation. Take a picture of yourself and add it to your report. Place your report in your Summaries section.

This web site contains helpful information on medieval occupations:

<http://library.thinkquest.org/10949/fief/medknight.html>

## Lesson 43 European Trade

Trade played a very significant role in the history of the Middle Ages. Nations that did not know of each other's existence in ancient times began to communicate in the Middle Ages because of trade.

- Read KFH pgs. 158 - 161.
- Read TSOM pgs. 210 - 217. This reading covers the Medici and **Ivan the Terrible**, of whom you will study in a future lesson on the Renaissance.

- Summarize your reading by creating a list of the countries that participated in medieval trade and what they traded.

Then list advances and changes that occurred to Europe because of trade (include negative and positive changes). Title your work and place it in your Summaries section.

- Add significant dates to your timeline.

- 800 Begins the rise of trade in Venice
- 1081 Venice trades with the Byzantine Empire
- 1381 Venice dominates all trade