

Year 8- Medieval History

Research Guide

Reference Section

These encyclopedias are split into books in alphabetical order. Choose the corresponding book to the topic you seek (e.g. 'Crusades' would be found in the A-K encyclopedia).

REF 940.103 ENG : Encyclopedia of the Medieval World (Vol 1 – 2)

REF 940.1 MID : The Middle Ages (Vol 1-4)

Library Catalogue

Search using these headings:

- Medieval history
- Middle ages

Also use the keywords for the topic you are researching. Not all of these will have their own specific books. You may need to search through encyclopedias for information, or use the Internet to help you:

- Castles
- Black death
- Knights
- The Crusades
- Monasteries
- Entertainment
- Age of Exploration
- Explorers
- Renaissance
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Browse at these numbers:

- 304.64 Medieval history
- 610.9 Medicine
- 745.4 Medieval history
- 909.07 Crusades
- 910.9 Age of Exploration
- 940.1 Knights/Women/Medicine/Medieval life/Monasteries/Castles/etc
- 940.2 Renaissance

🔍Encyclopedias🔍

World Book

Access World Book via the Avila Library website (Go to 'Online Resources' - 'Encyclopedias')

Go to 'Student' to access student website. These articles are available on the World Book website (type into search bar as written below):

- Cathedral; Castle
- Middle Ages
- Black Death
- Knights and Knighthood
- Crusades – The Third Crusade
- Monastery (**see also:** Benedictine, Cistercians, Carthusians, Dominicans, Fransiscans)
- Renaissance (**see also:** Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Galileo, Copernicus)
- Columbus, Christopher; Magellan, Ferdinand; Cortes, Hernan

Encyclopaedia Britannica

Access Encyclopedia Britannica via the Avila Library website (Go to 'Online

Resources' - 'Encyclopaedias')

Go to the 'High School' link to access secondary school resources. Suggested pages (type into search bar as written below):

- Castle (architecture); Cathedral (Christian church); Peasant (social class)
- Middle Ages (historical era)
- Black Death (pandemic)
- Knight (cavalryman) / Chivalry
- Crusades (Christianity) – The era of the Second and Third Crusades
- Monastery (religion) (**see also:** Benedictine (religious order), Cistercian (religious order), Carthusians (religious order), Dominican (religious order), Franciscan (religious order).
- Renaissance (European history) (**see also:** Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Galileo, Copernicus).
- Christopher Columbus (Italian explorer); Ferdinand Magellan (Portuguese explorer); Hernan Cortes (Spanish conquistador)

Online Resources

[Library Webpage - Online Resources - Databases & Gateways](#)

[Weblinks & Fuse](#) Use your keywords and the Secondary Student search

Websites

[*Castles and other dwellings*](#)

[Castles](#) – DK Find Out

[Castles](#) – Medieval Castle

[Cathedrals](#) – Durham World Heritage Site

[Cathedrals](#) – The Finer Times

[The Lifestyle of Medieval Peasants](#) – History Learning Site

[Peasant houses in Midland England](#) – Current Archeology

Monasteries

Medieval Monastery - Medieval Life and Times

Middle Ages Religion - Medieval Life and Times

Life of the Monastery - Heritage History

The Order of Saint Benedict – Order of Saint Benedict

Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance – OSCO

The Carthusian Order – Chartreux

Dominicans – Order of Preachers

Franciscans – Franciscans Friars Province of the Holy Spirit

Town Life

Medieval Life - Medieval Life and Times

Everyday life in the middle ages - BBC Bitesize KS3

Feudal Life - Annenberg Learner

Medieval Jobs – All Things Medieval

Medieval Music - Medieval Life and Times

Daily life in Medieval towns – Britain Express

Medieval Town Life – Medieval Spell

Knights & The Crusades

Middle Ages Knights - Lords and Ladies

Medieval Swords and Amour - Medieval Life and Times

Knights and Castles - Knight Medieval

Knights and Knighthood - Questia

[The Crusades](#) - Lords and Ladies

[Crusades](#) - BBC Bitesize KS3

[Crusades](#) - History.com

Medicine and Herbal Remedies

[Medicine in the Middle Ages](#) - Lords and Ladies

[Medical Medieval Knowledge](#) - BBC Bitesize GCSE

[Medieval Surgery](#) - BBC Bitesize GCSE

[Medieval Public Health](#) - BBC Bitesize GCSE

[Medieval Doctors](#) - BBC Bitesize GCSE

[Medical Stagnation in the Middle Ages](#) - BBC Bitesize GCSE

[Health & Medicine in Medieval England](#) - History Learning Site

[Black Death](#) – Encyclopedia Britannica

Entertainment

[Entertainment in the Middle Ages](#) – Lords and Ladies

[Medieval Entertainment](#) – Ancient Fortress

[Medieval Entertainers](#) – Medieval Chronicles

[Entertainment in the Medieval Era](#) – Medieval Times

[Medieval Religious Festivals](#) – Medieval Life and Times

[Festivals in Medieval Europe](#) – Daily Life in Medieval Europe

[Miracle Play](#) – How Stuff Works

Renaissance – Art & Science

[Renaissance](#) – Britannica

[What was the Renaissance? – Skwirk](#)

[Renaissance Art - History](#)

[Leonardo Da Vinci – Biography](#)

[Michelangelo – Biography](#)

[Galileo – Biography](#)

[Copernicus - Biography](#)

[Renaissance – The Age of Exploration](#)

[The Age of Discovery – Britannica](#)

[The Age of Exploration – Elizabethan Era](#)

[Age of Exploration – Mr Nussbaum](#)

[The Ages of Exploration – The Mariner’s Museum and Park](#)

[Christopher Columbus – Biography](#)

[Ferdinand Magellan – Biography](#)

[Hernando Cortes – BBC](#)

[Navigation and Related Instruments in 16th Century England – National Park Service](#)