Behind the Castle Gates: Life in Medieval England

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Year 5 | Scan and explore

Use a phone or tablet camera to scan a QR code. Explore with a teacher or parent.

Life behind the gates

English Heritage: Life in a castle

Explore the people who lived and worked in castles. Read selected sections with an adult.

History detectives

National Archives: Castle mysteries

Explore castle design and communities. A KS3 resource: ask a teacher or parent to choose suitable video extracts.

The Black Death arrives

Oak: Arrival of the Black Death

Find out how plague reached medieval communities. A secondary resource: an adult should choose suitable extracts.

How did life change?

Oak: Impact of the Black Death

Explore changes to work and society. A secondary resource: ask an adult to choose and discuss suitable extracts.

Tiny living things

e-Bug: Introduction to microbes

Explore KS2 activities about bacteria, viruses and fungi. Ask an adult to choose an activity and follow instructions.

Picture the past

English Heritage: Medieval castle

Download a detailed castle colouring sheet. With an adult, spot everyday activities and discuss people's jobs.

Scan on screen or from a printed copy. You can also click each QR code in the PDF.