

Vocabulary Cards

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| <p>alcazaba</p> | <p>n. a Moorish fortified building used for defense by the Arabs in Spain.</p> <p>"The alcazaba of Granada is the oldest of all the buildings in La Alhambra".</p> |
| <p>armour</p> | <p>n. the metal coverings formely worn by knights to protect the body in battle.</p> <p>"Knights wore their armours in battle and also in tournaments".</p> |
| <p>bailey</p> | <p>n. the open area within a castle fortification.</p> <p>"Many of the activities in the castle were performed at the bailey".</p> |

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| <p>castle</p> | <p>n. a large fortified building or group of buildings, typically of the medieval period.</p> <p>"The Kingdom of Castile was named after its many castles".</p> |
| <p>church</p> | <p>n. a building for public, especially Christian worships.</p> <p>" During medieval times, many churches were built in the Christian territories in Spain".</p> |
| <p>monks</p> | <p>n. the body of people ordained for religious duties in the Christian Church.</p> <p>" During the Middle Ages, the monks were the most educated people, and they wrote and translated manuscripts".</p> |

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| <p>craftsman</p> | <p>n. a worker skilled in a particular craft or manual job.</p> <p>"Medieval craftsmen were carpenters, blacksmiths, cobblers, tailors, etc".</p> |
| <p>drawbridge</p> | <p>n. a bridge which is hinged at one end so that it can be raised.</p> <p>"A castle had a drawbridge, and when the enemy tried to cross it, it would rise".</p> |
| <p>feudalism</p> | <p>n. the social system in medieval Europe, in which the nobility held lands from the Crown in exchange for military service, and vassals were tenants of and protected by the nobles.</p> <p>" Feudalism divided society into the king, noblemen, knights, peasants and craftsmen."</p> |

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| <p>guild</p> | <p>n. a medieval association of craftsmen or merchants.</p> <p>"Craftsmen liked to work together in the same area of town, and to exchange ideas and techniques in their guilds".</p> |
| <p>keep</p> | <p>n. the strongest or central tower of a castle.</p> <p>"The keep had small and narrow windows so archers could shoot arrows from them but not get hit by them".</p> |
| <p>kingdom</p> | <p>n. a country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen.</p> <p>"The kingdoms of Castile and Aragon merged together when Isabella and Fernando got married".</p> |

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| <p>knight</p> | <p>n. a medieval gentleman-soldier, usually high-born, raised by a sovereign to privileged military status after training as a page and squire.</p> <p>"Knights fought in battle to defend their lord's lands."</p> |
| <p>moat</p> | <p>n. a deep, wide defensive ditch surrounding a castle or town, typically filled with water.</p> <p>"A moat was dug to prevent the enemy soldiers from taking over the castle".</p> |
| <p>mosque</p> | <p>n. a Muslim place of worship and prayer.</p> <p>"The Mosque of Cordoba is the second largest in the World".</p> |

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| <p>nobleman</p> | <p>n. man (or woman) who belongs to the aristocracy.</p> <p>"Medieval noblemen owned land and had serfs who worked it".</p> |
| <p>peasant</p> | <p>n. a member of the class constituted by small farmers and tenants, sharecroppers, and laborers on the land where they form the main labor force in agriculture.</p> <p>"Peasants were forced to give much of their crops to the lord of the castle in exchange for protection".</p> |
| <p>pilgrim</p> | <p>n. a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.</p> <p>"During the Middle Ages, pilgrims began to travel to Santiago de Compostela to visit the apostil's tomb.</p> |

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| <p>reconquest</p> | <p>n. second or new acquisition by physical or moral force.</p> <p>"Queen Isabel of Castile fought for the reconquest of Granada, and she finally did so in 1492".</p> |
| <p>sword</p> | <p>n. a weapon with a long metal blade and a hilt with a handguard, used for thrusting or striking.</p> <p>"Making swords was one of the jobs on the blacksmith's guild".</p> |
| <p>synagogue</p> | <p>n. a building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and prayer.</p> <p>"Toledo was a multicultural city in medieval times, and it had churches, mosques, and synagogues."</p> |