

In Days of Old, Before Columbus

Unit Plan Overview

The Unit Plan Overview assists teachers in understanding which pieces of the Unit Plan will be used daily. It lists the Assessment tools, Lesson Plans, and Student Web Lessons that the teacher will need for a particular day.

Day 1

Diagnostic Assessment

This assessment and instructions are available from the unit plan attachments.

Lesson Plan

In Days of Old - Travel Back in Time

This introductory lesson for the unit "In Days of Old" emphasizes use of a timeline with students developing their own timelines. Students view a Student Web Lesson, "Travel to Days of Old," which gives an overview of the Middle Ages.

Student Web Lesson

Travel to Days of Old

Students are introduced to the Middle Ages as they follow a troubadour's story.

Days 2-4

Lesson Plan

Kings, Knights, and Countrymen

"Kings, Knights, and Countrymen" provides students with a look back in time into the feudal form of government. Aspects of family life from the different classes will be presented. Life styles of nobles and commoners will be compared and contrasted.

Student Web Lesson

A Knight in the Night

Students understand the reason for the feudal form of government and the different aspects of feudalism.

Day 5

Summative Assessment #1

This assessment and instructions are available from the unit plan attachments.

Days 6-9

Lesson Plan

Passages of Man and Word

This lesson uses timelines and a variety of sources to provide understanding of selected developments in transportation and written communication prior to the Renaissance and how these changes affected the lives of people.

Student Web Lesson

Get the Message

The student understands the history of written communication from pictographs to alphabets.

Day 10

Summative Assessment #2

This assessment and instructions are available from the unit plan attachments.

Days 11-15

Summative Assessment #3

(Ongoing throughout Days 11-15)

This assessment and instructions are available from the unit plan attachments.

Lesson Plan

Times Are Changing

Times Are Changing is the final lesson plan in the unit "In Days of Old." Students explore the need for trade, cultural and intellectual achievements, and scientific and technological advancements, emphasizing how these achievements affect modern day.

Day 16

Summative Assessment #4

This assessment and instructions are available from the unit plan attachments.

Flow Chart of Unit Development

