
Peasants Water Race



curriculum links

Grade 4:

- ◆ Health and Physical Education:
Fundamental Movement Skills
- ◆ Heritage and Citizenship:
Medieval Times



overview

This activity encourages students to examine the importance of water in the everyday lives of medieval peasants. It is intended to encourage students to appreciate the modern day conveniences that we have, and to rethink taking clean water for granted just because of easy access to it.

grade 4 expectations

Health and Physical Education Fundamental Movement Skills

Overall Expectations

- ◆ Locomotion/Travelling Skills
- ◆ Manipulation Skills
- ◆ Stability Skills

Social Studies

Heritage and Citizenship: Medieval Times

Overall Expectations

- ◆ identify and describe major features of daily life and social organization in medieval European societies from about 500 to 1500 C.E.;
- ◆ use a variety of resources and tools to investigate the major events and influences of the era and determine how they shaped medieval society;
- ◆ relate significant elements of medieval societies to comparable aspects of contemporary Canadian communities.

Specific Expectations

Understanding Basic Concepts

- ◆ describe aspects of daily life for men, women, and children in medieval societies;
- ◆ describe medieval agricultural methods and innovations.



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Inquiry, Research and Communication Skills

- ◆ formulate questions to guide research;
- ◆ use primary and secondary sources to locate information about medieval civilizations.

Application

- ◆ compare aspects of life in a medieval community and their own community;
- ◆ make connections between social or environmental concerns of medieval times and similar concerns today.

key terms

Evaporation - Evaporation is the act or process of converting or changing into a vapor with the application of heat.

Natural Resources - Natural resource is a substance found in nature that is valuable to humans.

Peasant - a member of a class of persons who are small farmers or farm labourers of low social rank.

Rain Barrel - A barrel that is used to collect rain.

Runoff - Rainfall not absorbed by the soil, which runs across the land into rivers, streams and lakes.

Water Conservation - The use of water saving methods to reduce the amount of water needed for homes, lawns, farming and industry and thus increasing water supplies for optimum long-term economic and social benefits.

