

LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES

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* To become a tradesman in the Middle Ages, a person went through several steps. The people described below are at various steps in the process of becoming tradesmen. Place the people in the ascending order by writing a number 1 in front of the first step, 2 in front of the second step, and so on. On the line following each description, write the title given to the person at that level of training. You will use the same title more than once. The first one is done for you.

_____ This person has been with an experienced craftsman for three years. He is learning the more difficult skills of a craft. Apprentice

_____ This person belongs to a craft guild. He is teaching several young people his craft.

_____ This person receives no pay but gets food and clothing. He does odd jobs and learns the basic skills of a trade. _____

_____ This person has just started a job in which he is paid for each day's work.

_____ This person wants to produce a masterpiece, a product that meets his guild's highest standards. _____

* Read each statement below. If it's a fact, write **Fact** on the line. If it's an opinion, write **Opinion** on the line.

_____ 1. Saint Benedict established the Abbey of Monte Cassino.

_____ 2. Life in a monastery was too hard.

_____ 3. Monks spent a lot of time in prayer.

_____ 4. Some of the finest buildings erected in the Middle Ages were cathedrals.

_____ 5. Nuns often did the tasks that teachers and nurses do today.

Thinking Further: Imagine that you are a journeyman silversmith. (A silversmith is a person who uses silver to make fine things, like teapots, candlesticks, and jewelry.) What item would you make as your masterpiece? Write a description of it. Include several details. If you wish, draw a small sketch of the item. Make sure the item chosen can be made of silver and that the details given are relevant to the item.

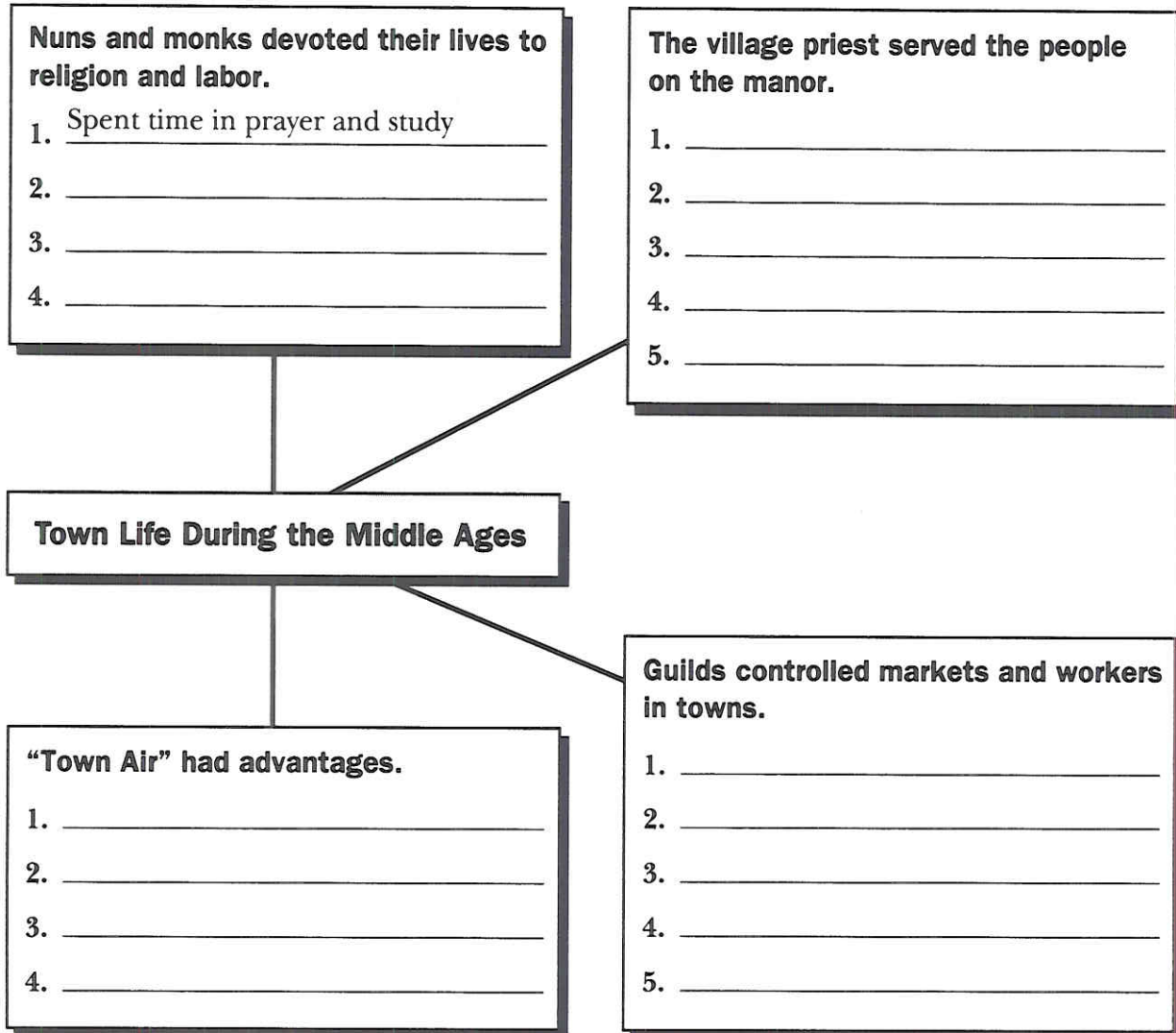
UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

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Organizing Facts

LESSON 2 CONTENT MASTER

* The chart shows the main ideas of the lesson. Fill in the blank space with the details that support each main idea. The first one has been done for you.



Think and Write: Write a paragraph telling which you would rather have been during the Middle Ages: a member of a monastery or convent, or a journeyman in a guild. You may use the back of the sheet.
