

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

MEDIAEVAL KNIGHTS

During the Middle Ages, there were three main types of soldiers: foot soldiers, archers, and knights. Knights were some of the most elite members of Medieval society. Around the ages of seven, young boys had to decide if they wanted to be a knight and start training. Future knights had to be born wealthy and into the upper class, so the son of a merchant, blacksmith, or peasant could not become a knight. The boys had to have enough money for horses, weapons, and armor, which were very expensive.

Training was important in order to become a knight. Around age seven, the boy would become a page and serve the knight they were shadowing. This meant serving meals, cleaning, and delivering messages. The pages would also learn how to care for horses, how to hold and use wooden swords, along with basic battle tactics. The wooden swords were called a quintain. Once they were a teenager, around age 14 or 15, the knights in training became squires. The word squire meant "shield-bearer." A squire had more important responsibilities than a page. Squires began using real weapons, cleaning the knight's armor, taking care of his weapons in peace and in war, and began their education in chivalry. The Code of Chivalry was the medieval practice of being kind, courteous, polite, generous, gentlemanly, loyal, full of honor, and treating women very well - like queens. Most squires trained for five or six years.

If their training went well, a squire would become a knight at 18-21 years old. The squire needed to bathe well (a good bath was very common in medieval times) and pray in church overnight. In the morning, they would wear a white shirt and belt representing purity, brown or black stockings to represent being grounded to the earth, and a scarlet cloak to show they were willing to shed their own blood in battle for their king and his people. He was given a sword with two sharp blades, one

3 Using a green on a
out of chains
is called _____.



Density



Mobility



Honesty



Strength

4 The squire was
knighted by a simple
tap on both _____.



Shoulders



Hands



Feet



Knees

5 What was a knight's
war horse called?



Quintain



Trojan horse



Squire



Destrier

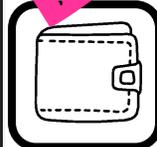
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become a knight at
_____ years old.



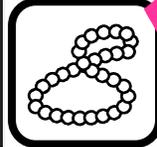
7-9



18-21



14



10-12

7

People used _____
tracked different
_____ on farms.



Scribes



Squires



Notes



Herods

8

Future knights had
to have money for
_____.



Horses



Weapons



Armor



All of the above

9

How long did most
squires train?



3-4 years



5-6 years



7-9 years



10+ years

10

A _____ is a long
pole that tapers to a
point on the end.



Mace



Lance



Roundel



Squire

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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