

4.2 The Growth of Medieval Towns

1. *Where were towns in medieval Europe often located, and why?*

Towns were often located next to waterways, which made trade/travel easier.

2. *What contributed to the growth of towns in medieval Europe?*

Improved methods of farming and the revival of trade with the east contributed to the growth of towns.

3. *What rights did a charter give townspeople?*

A charter allowed the members of a medieval town to govern themselves.

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4.3 Guilds



1. *What were guilds? Why were they established?*

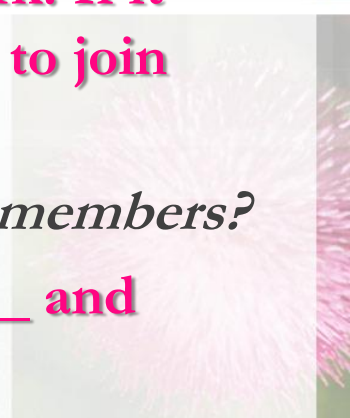
Guilds were associations of people who practiced the same job. They were set up to make sure their members were treated fairly and produced quality goods.

2. *How did a person become a member of a guild?*

Around age 12, a person who wanted to learn a trade became an apprentice. After 7 years, the guild examined a sample of his work. If it met their approval, he was allowed to join the guild. masterpiece

3. *How did guilds help members and families of members?*

Guilds provided them with help and protection in times of need.



4.4 Trade and Commerce



1. What role did merchants play in the growth of medieval European towns?

By selling food and local goods, merchants attracted more people to medieval towns.

2. How did merchants become the most wealthy and powerful members of towns?

Merchants became wealthy and powerful by selling a variety of goods from the east, dominating the town's business life, and joining town councils.

3. How were Jewish people often mistreated in medieval Europe?

Because of hostility, Jews found it hard to earn a living by farming, and sometimes they were the victims of violence. Rulers took their land whenever they wanted

4.5 Homes and Households



1. Why were the homes of most town dwellers uncomfortable?

Rooms were cold, smoky, and dim because fireplace were the main source of heat and light.

2. Why was growing up in medieval towns difficult?

Almost half of all children died. Those who survived began preparing for their adult roles at age 7.

3. How were the lives of medieval girls different from those of modern girls?

Medieval Girls	Modern Girls
Married by 15 years old Home schooled...only learned how to cook, make clothing, and take care of her house and family	

4.6 Disease and Medical Treatment



1. How did unhealthy living conditions and medical knowledge affect life in medieval European towns?

Unhealthy living conditions and the lack of understanding of how disease spread caused many illnesses and death.

2. What were some common practices used by medieval doctors?

They used prayer, magic, herbs medicines, and bleeding, which including the use of leeches.

3. What group was sometimes blamed when an outbreak of a disease occurred?

Jews were sometimes blamed for outbreaks of diseases.

4.7 Crime and Punishment



1. *Why were towns in medieval Europe dangerous places?*

Towns were candle lantern lit, and streets were filled with pick pockets and thieves.

2. *What were two methods for deciding the guilt or innocence of accused criminals in the Early Middle Ages?*

Trial by ordeal : accused had to pass a dangerous test

Trial by combat : accused had to fight & win to prove innocence.

3. *What were some ways criminals were punished in medieval Europe?*

Fines and the stocks were used to punish those found guilty of minor crimes.

Those convicted of more serious crimes were hanged or burnt at the stake.

4. *How did the way in which those accused of crimes were treated begin to improve in the 12th century?*

Beginning in the 12th century, royal courts were used to determine a person's innocence or guilt.

4.8 Leisure and Entertainment



1. *What were some games that were popular with children in medieval Europe?*

Children played with dolls and toys, such as wooden sword and hobby horse. They also rolled hoops and played badminton, lawn bowling, and blind man's bluff.

2. *What were some leisure activities enjoyed by adults in medieval Europe?*

Adults liked chess, checkers, and backgammon. Card games, dice games, and dancing were also popular.

3. *How did the church's attitude toward mystery and miracle plays differ from that of most townspeople?*

The church disapproved of them, but most people still enjoyed them.

