

The KNIGHT

Viewing Guide

Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper as you watch the film. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Describe chain mail, and explain its importance for medieval knights.
2. What does the Bayeux Tapestry tell us about the Middle Ages?
3. How did medieval knights obtain the money they needed to pay for their horses, armor and weaponry?
4. What was chivalry, and how did it affect the behavior of medieval knights?
5. Why did knights start wearing plate armor, and how did this change affect knights?
6. Describe the training process for becoming a knight.
7. What was a dubbing ceremony, and what were some of the key elements of this event?
8. What role did medieval knights play in the Crusades?
9. How did the nature of tournaments change over time?
10. Who was William Marshal, and why was he considered one of the most amazing knights who ever lived?
11. What was heraldry and how did it play an important role in medieval tournaments?
12. Why did the popularity of using knights in battle decline by the 1400s?

Critical Thinking Questions: After the film is complete, choose ONE of the following questions and answer in a short paragraph.

- A. Do you think knights of this time truly followed their code of chivalry? Justify your answer.
- B. Explain the pros and cons of becoming a knight. Do you think the glory outweighed the costs? Why or why not?