




Middle Ages A. D. 475 - 1620

Historical Book List

Vikings:

 *Leif the Lucky*
D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar Parin
ISBN 0964380307
JB Ericsson
Biography, Picture Book
\$13.95(PB) - www.bfbooks.com
L: K R: 3

Saints:

Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland
de Paola, Tomie
ISBN 0823410773
J 270.2092
Biography, Picture Book
\$ 6.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 3

St. Jerome and the Lion

Hodges, Margaret
ISBN 0531059383
J 270.2
Legendary, Picture Book
OOP
L: K R: 3

Saint George and the Dragon

Hodges, Margaret
ISBN 0316367958
J 398.2
Classic Fiction, Picture Book
\$6.99(PB) - Retail
L: 1 R: 3

Saint Francis

Wildsmith, Brian
ISBN 0802851231
J 271.3
Biography, Picture Book
\$20.00(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 2

Joan of Arc: The Lily Maid

Hodges, Margaret
ISBN 0823414248
JB Joan
Biography, Picture Book
\$16.95(HC) - Retail
L: 1 R: 3

PROJECT #1



Joan of Arc

Stanley, Diane
ISBN 0064437485
JB Joan
Biography, Picture Book
6.95(PB) - Retail
L: 1 R: 4
PROJECT #1

Castles and Kings:

Castles

Steele, Philip
ISBN 0753452588
J 940.1
Informational Book
\$10.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 3
PROJECT #2

Large, detailed and colorful illustrations make this book a wonderful resource. Look up topics as you read about them in other books.

A Medieval Feast

Aliki
ISBN 0064460509
J 394.1
Fiction, Picture Book
\$6.99(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2
PROJECT #4, 5

The Missing Tarts

Hennessy, B. G.
ISBN 0670820393
E
Adapted Nurs. Rhyme, Picture Book
OOP
L: K R: 1

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Wood, Don & Audrey
ISBN 0152427309
E
Fiction, Picture Book
\$16.00(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 1



Historical Book List

Knights:

The Kitchen Knight

Hodges, Margaret
ISBN 082340787X
J 398.2
Legend, Picture Book
\$16.95(HC) - Retail
L: 1 R: 3
A retelling of Arthurian legend

The Knight and the Dragon

dePaola, Tomie
ISBN 0698116232
E
Fiction, Picture Book
\$5.99(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2



Knights in Shining Armor

Gibbons, Gail
ISBN 0316300381
J 394.7
Informational Picture Book
\$5.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2

The Knight's Handbook

Gravett, Christopher
ISBN 0525652418
J 940.1
Informational Book
OOP
L: K R: 3
Although out-of-print, this book is worth checking out of the library. It is full of great project ideas.

The Knight Who was Afraid of the Dark

Hazen, Barbara Shook
ISBN 014054545X
E
Fiction, Picture Book
\$6.99(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2

Harald and the Giant Knight

Carrick, Donald
ISBN 089919060X
E
Fictional, Picture Book
OOP
L: K R: 3

A Tournament of Knights

Laker, Joe
ISBN 0690045417
E
Fiction, Picture Book
OOP
L: K R: 3

Sir Cedric

Gerrard, Roy
ISBN 0374369593
E
Fiction, Picture Book
OOP
L: K R: 3

Legends:

The Legend of the Persian Carpet

dePaola, Tomie
ISBN 0399224157
J 398.2
Folklore, Picture Book
\$15.99(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 3

Sindbad: From the Tales of The Thousand and One Nights

Zeman, Ludmila
ISBN 08887764606
J 813.54
Fiction, Picture Book
\$17.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 3

Robin Hood

Early, Margaret
ISBN 0810944286
J 398.2
Legend, Picture Book
\$17.95(HC) - Retail
L: 1 R: 4
PROJECT #3
This is a beautifully illustrated chapter book based on the length of the text.

Robin Hood

Hayes, Sarah
ISBN 0805012060
J 398
Legend, Chapter Book
OOP
L: K R: 4
PROJECT #3

William Tell

Fisher, Leonard Everett
ISBN 0374384363
J 398.2
Legendary Bio, Picture Book
\$16.00(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 3
PROJECT #3



William Tell

Early, Margaret
ISBN 0810938545
J 398.2
Legendary Bio, Picture Book
\$17.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 3
PROJECT #3

The Apple and the Arrow: The Legend of William Tell

Buff, Mary & Conrad
ISBN 0618128093
J 398
Legendary Bio, Chapter Book
\$5.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 4
PROJECT #3

Teaching Tip:

The Middle Ages offers an excellent opportunity to distinguish between true history and myths/legends. You may want to point out that often myths and legends are based on partial truths, as with King Arthur. Another point to share is that myths and legends developed out of the oral passing down of history. Without books, people relied on traveling poets and minstrels, who often exaggerated the truth to entertain as well as inform.

Poetry/Fine Arts

Poetry:

The Real Mother Goose

Wright, Blanche Fisher
ISBN 0590225170
J 398.8
\$9.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 2

Silvia Long's Mother Goose

Long, Silvia
ISBN 0811820882
Nursery Rhymes
\$22.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 2

The Comic Adventures of Old Mother Hubbard and Her Dog

dePaola, Tomie
ISBN 0152195424
J 398.8
\$7.00(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 1

Across A Dark & Wild Sea

Brown, Don
ISBN 0761315349
JB
\$15.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 2
This book is about a man named Columcille who hand-lettered Psalters and wrote poetry.

Fine Arts:

Illuminations

Hunt, Jonathan
ISBN 0689717008
J 940.1
OOP
L: K R: 1
This beautiful alphabet book features watercolor paintings and medieval vocabulary.



Lives and Legends of the Saints

Armstrong, Carole
ISBN 0689802773
J 270.0922
OOP
Paintings from the great art museums of the world

Gregorian Chant

from "Classical Treasury" #2501
\$70(CDs) - God's World Book Club
A compilation of 20 CDs, useful throughout your historical studies.

Music for a Medieval Banquet

ASIN B00005AWX
\$5.97(CD) - Retail

Courts, Kings, & Troubadours: Medieval & Renaissance Music

ASIN B000059RXH
\$7.98(CD) - Retail
You can use this CD for Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Science

Herbs:

Herbs Coloring Book

Bernath, Stefan
ISBN 0486234991
Identification, Coloring Book
\$3.95(PB) - Dover Publications



Whales:

A First Look at Whales

Selsam, Millicent Ellis & Springer, Harriett
ISBN 0802763871
J 599.5
\$7.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2

The Wonderful World of Seals and Whales

Crow, Sandra L.
ISBN 9997433572
J 599.745
\$12.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 3



Note: Unless otherwise noted, all primary science books are informational picture books.

Birds of Prey:

Amazing Birds of Prey

Parry-Jones, Jemima
ISBN 0833593056
J 598.91
\$18.45(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 3
PROJECT #7



A First Look at Owls, Eagles, and Other Hunters of the Sky

Selsam, Millicent E. & Hunt, Joyce
ISBN 0802766250
J 598.91
OOP
L: K R: 2
PROJECT #7
Learn to identify birds of prey.

Forests:

Wonders of the Forest

Sabin, Francene
ISBN 0893755737
J574.52
\$3.50(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 3
PROJECTS #6, 10

How the Forest Grew

Jaspersohn, William
ISBN 068811508X
J 574
\$6.95(PB) - Retail
L: K R: 2
PROJECTS # 6, 9

A Tree is Growing

Dorros, Arthur
ISBN 0590453009
J 582.16
\$15.95(HC) - Retail
L: K R: 2
PROJECTS #8, 9, 11
This is beautifully illustrated and a superior informational book.

A Tree is Nice

Udry, Janice May
ISBN 0064431479
E
Fiction, Picture Book
\$6.99(PB) - Retail
R: K R: 1
PROJECT #8, 9, 10

History:

1. *Make a Cross*

Using two sticks (from outdoors or craft sticks) make a simple cross. Hold the sticks together crisscrossing twice between the angles formed at the cross section. Discuss why such a simple cross meant so much to Joan of Arc.

2. *Make a Family Crest*

Design a family crest using the shape of a “shield of arms.” You may want to use poster board. Divide your crest into four sections and put one symbol that is important to your family in each section (for example, a cross or a Bible).

3. *Bow and arrow activities*

Purchase a Nerf™ (or the plunger-style) bow and arrows. Make a target or shoot through Hoola™ hoops to have an archery contest.

4. *Make trenchers*

Bake or buy a ready-made loaf of unsliced bread. Slice it in half, lengthwise to make 2 trenchers. Scoop out the soft middle and use the outside crust as a plate. Use when you make a poultry meal.

5. *Have a poultry meal*

Eat a chicken dinner without any utensils. Use small a bowl of water (perhaps scented) and a towel to clean up afterwards.

*Note: for additional history projects, check out **The Knights Handbook** in the Historical Book List.*

Science:

6. *Nature Walk*

Go for a walk in a wooded area. Notice the trees, grasses, birds and animals in the woods. Encourage your child to draw and discuss the surrounding nature.

7. *Bird Watching*

Take the time to watch some birds. Take advantage of any local animal sanctuaries or natural parks. Use binoculars if you have them. See if you can identify some common birds from your geographic area.

8. *Leaf Collection*

Start a simple leaf collection. Go on a walk and gather a few different types of leaves. Iron the leaves on low setting between two pieces of wax paper. Adhere to a large piece of poster board and label your finds, or place in a scrapbook with name labels.

9. *Bark Rubbings*

Take a piece of unlined paper and place it against the bark of a tree. Using the side of an unwrapped crayon, gently color on the paper until the imprint of the tree bark appears. Label the tree bark and place in your child’s notebook.

10. *Drawing (or Watercolor) Picnic*

Find a “nice” tree and have a picnic lunch under it. Then look up from the ground and sketch what the tree looks like from this angle. Talk about the different points of view that animals have including squirrels on the branches, birds flying above the tree, bugs on the ground by the base of the trunk or crawling up the tree, etc. Have your child make a simple drawing or paint a picture from one of these viewpoints.

11. *Season Illustration*

Fold a piece of white drawing paper in half twice, so that you end up with four divisions once opened. In each division, have your child illustrate a tree along with other details to show the different seasons. Have your child write the season’s title in each rectangle.



Resources:

Dover Publications, Inc.

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Mineola, NY 11501-3582
www.doverpublications.com

Dover has a wonderful catalog full of children’s items that go well with the Middle Ages Unit, such as:

Easy to Make Castle (A. G. Smith)

Cut and Make a Knight’s Helmet (A. G. Smith)

Medieval Knights Paper Soldiers (A. G. Smith)

Knights and Armor Coloring Book (A. G. Smith)

Life in a Medieval Castle and Village Coloring Book
(John Green)

Birds of Prey Coloring Book (John Green)

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