

The Middle Ages



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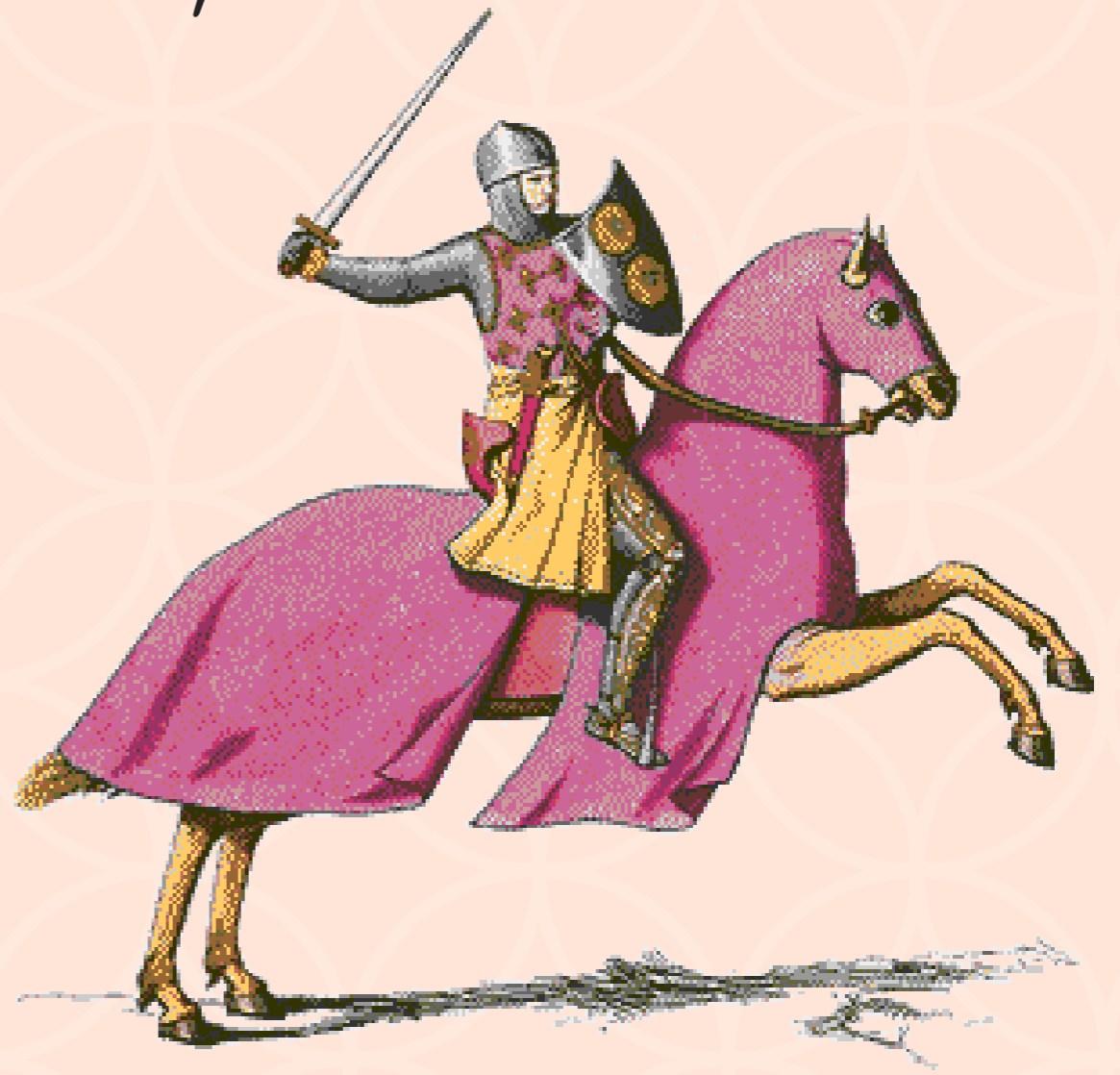
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What are the Middle Ages?

The Middle Ages start with the fall of the Roman Empire (476 dC) and finish with the discovery of America (1492 dC).

The knights appear in this period.

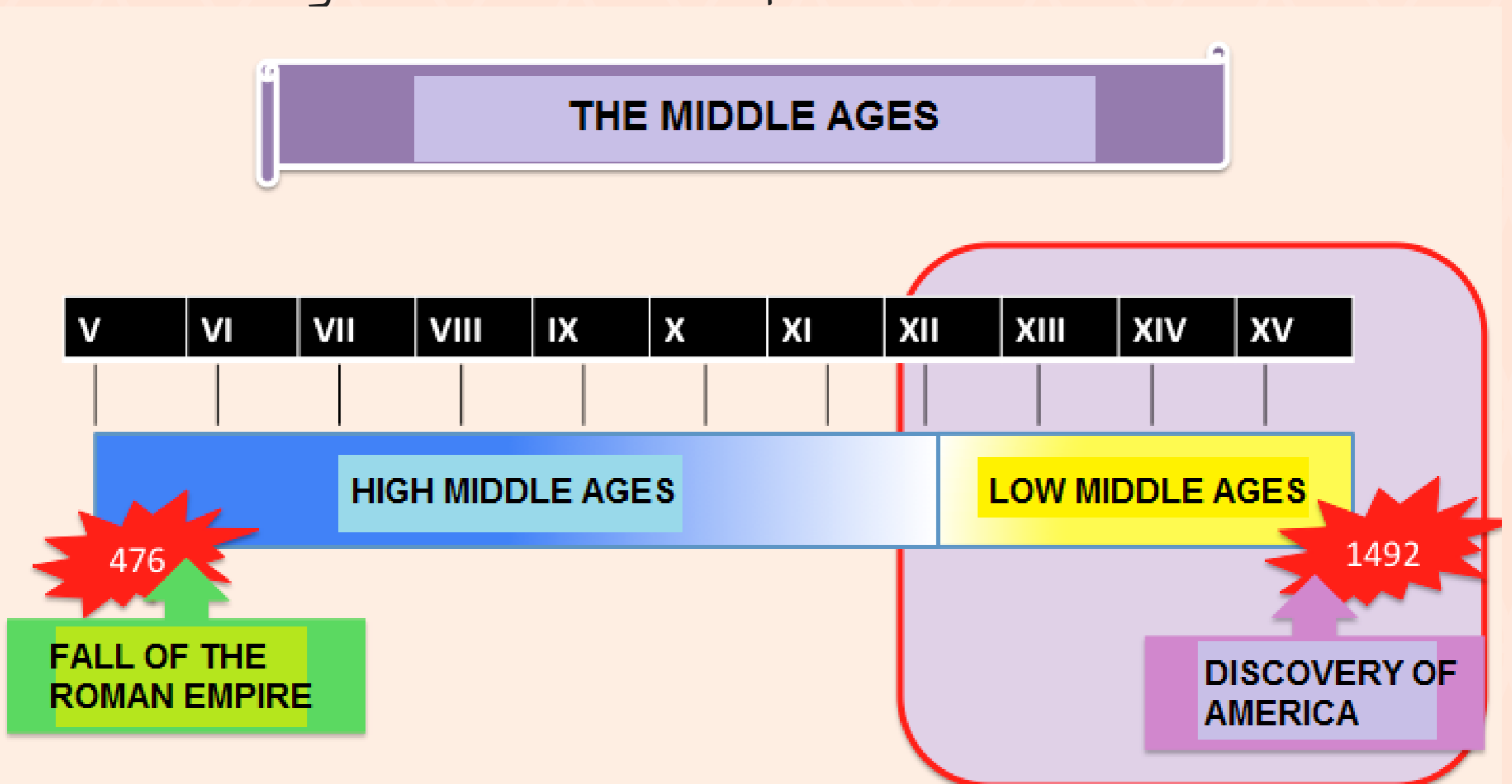


The beginning of the Middle Ages is called the Dark Ages because the big civilizations of Rome and Greece are conquered.

The religion that is more common in Europe is the Christianity.



The Middle Ages divides into 2 periods:



The Middle Ages jobs

In the Middle Ages, many people are farmers, because people feed from the agriculture. The farmers cultivate the lands of the kings and the nobles (the rich people).



In the cities, many people are craftsmen, that are grouped in **guilds**. The guilds are groups of people that do the same job. For example, there is the guild of the bakers.



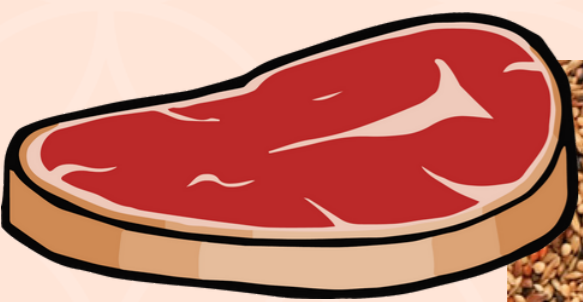
WHAT DO THEY EAT?



People from the Middle ages mainly eat bread and they drink wine.

The rich people also eat meat (especially pork meat).

The poor people eat a mixture of cereals (millet and oats).



What about the tools?

In the Middle Ages, they invent the printing press (1.440 dC).

It allows the production of texts in a quick and cheap way. Thanks to the printing press, everyone can read books.



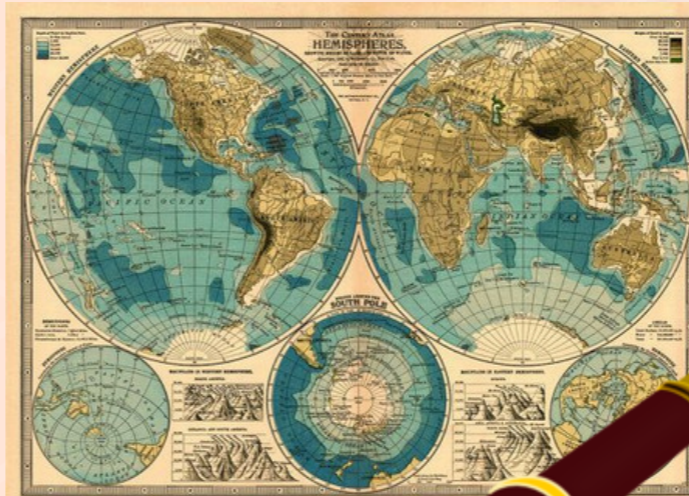
The mills are used since the Neolithic era but in the Middle ages, new forms of the windmill and the watermill appear.

They also invent the compass, that serves to orientate us. The compass indicates the the magnetic north of the earth.



They find new lands...

Christopher Columbus is an explorer from Europe who discover America in 1492 dC.



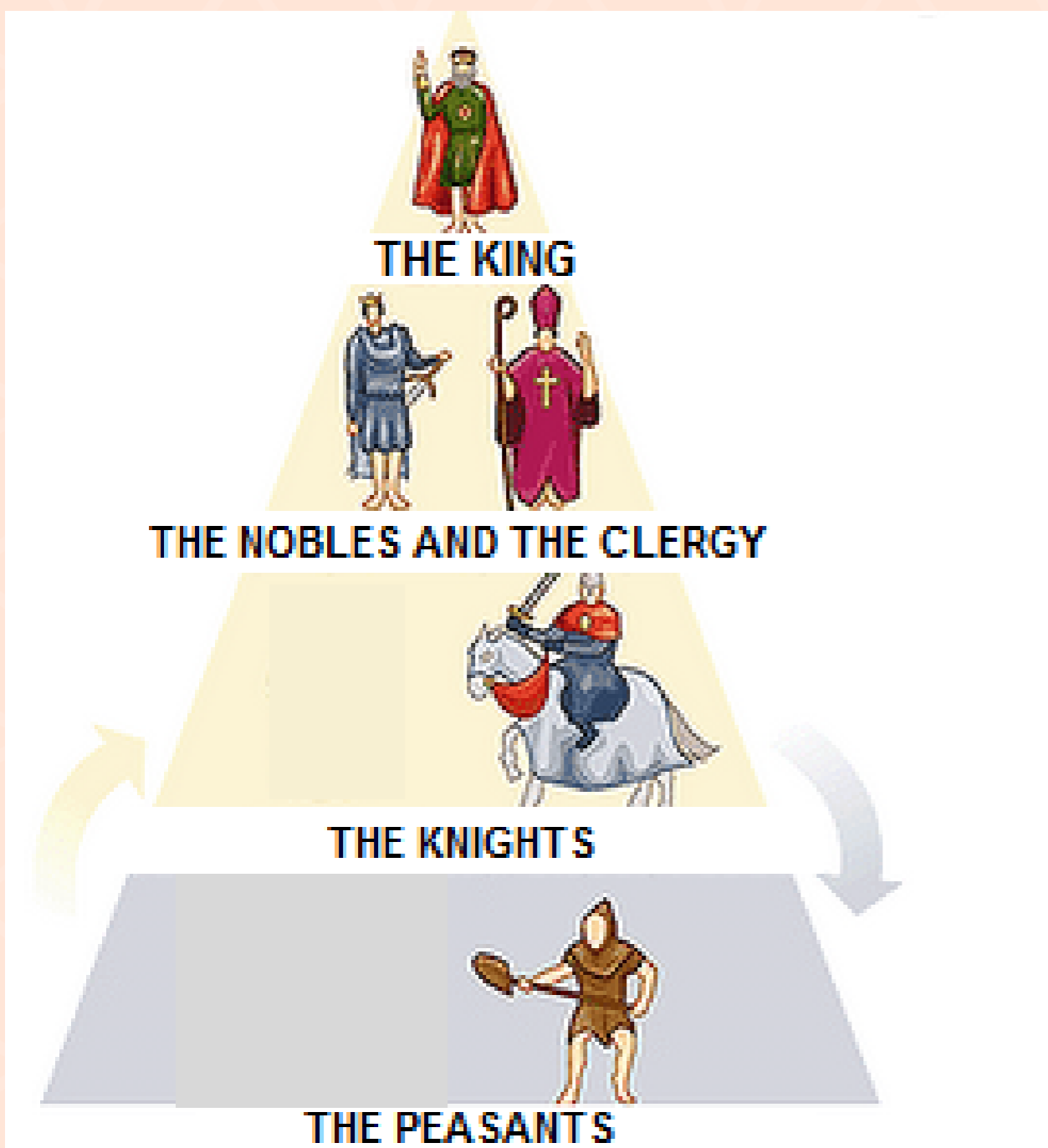
He arrives with his ship called Santa Maria.



Organization of the people in the Middle Ages

In the Middle Ages, the humans are divided in different classes.

Depending in the class they are, they have more or less privileges.



The form of organisation is the **feudalism**. This means that all humans have a function in society that they have to accomplish.

There are the king, the nobles and the clergy, the knights and the peasants.

HOW DO THEY DRESS?

The men usually wear two tunics and the one under is longer.

The poor women wear dresses of wool and the rich women wear more colourful dressess made with better fabrics.



Facts from the Middle Ages

The first kingdoms appear!

In the Middle Ages, many small kingdoms are created. The kingdoms are territories in which a king or queen governs.

In the Iberian peninsula, the first Christian kingdoms are established. For example, there is the kingdom of Asturias.



ROMANESQUE

They make really cool art!

There are two types of art in the Middle Ages: the **gothic** and the **romanesque** art.

The **romanesque** art is characterised by its simplicity. The buildings are poor decorated.

The **gothic** art is characterised by the high amount of decoration. The buildings have also many details.

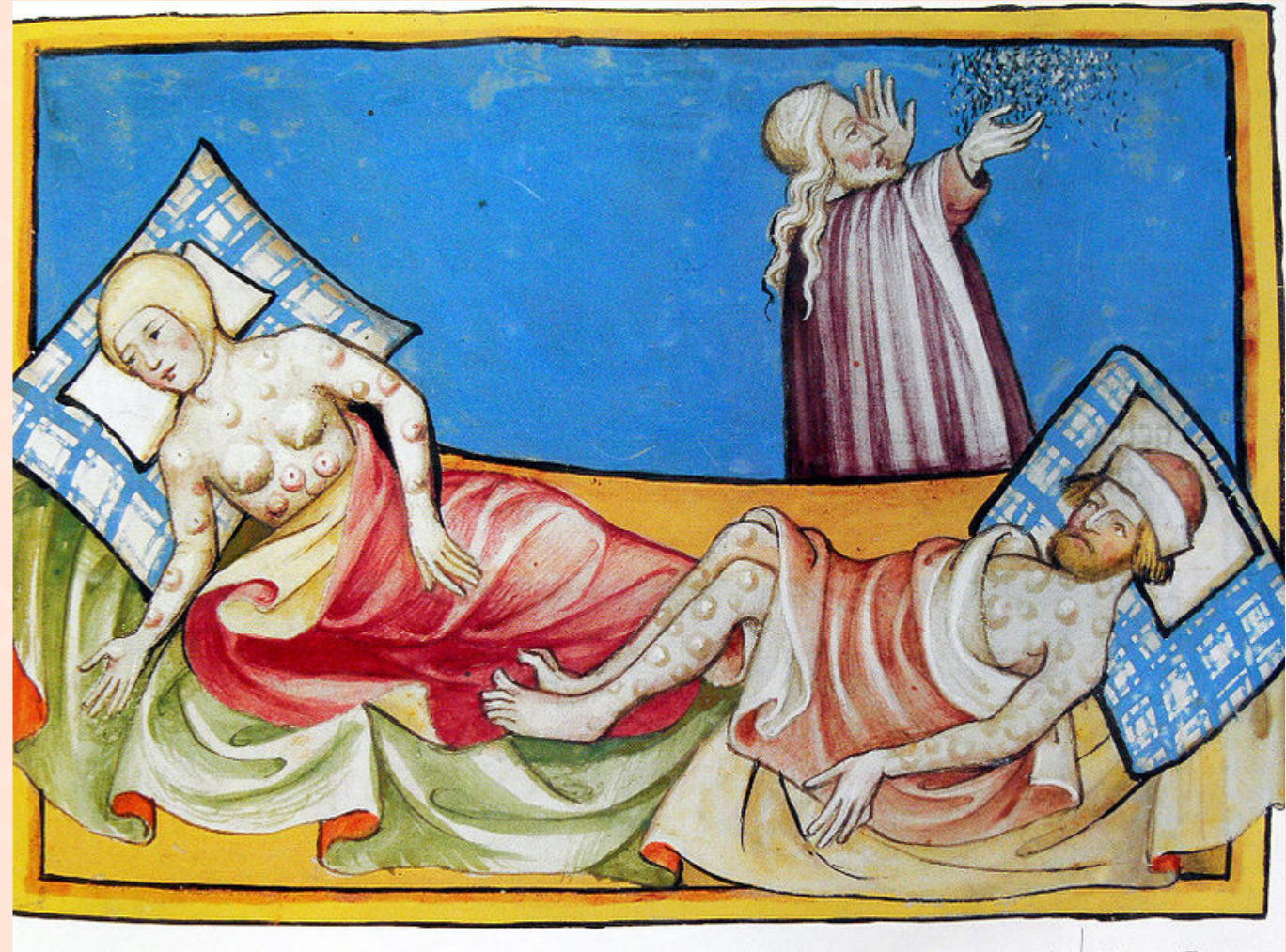


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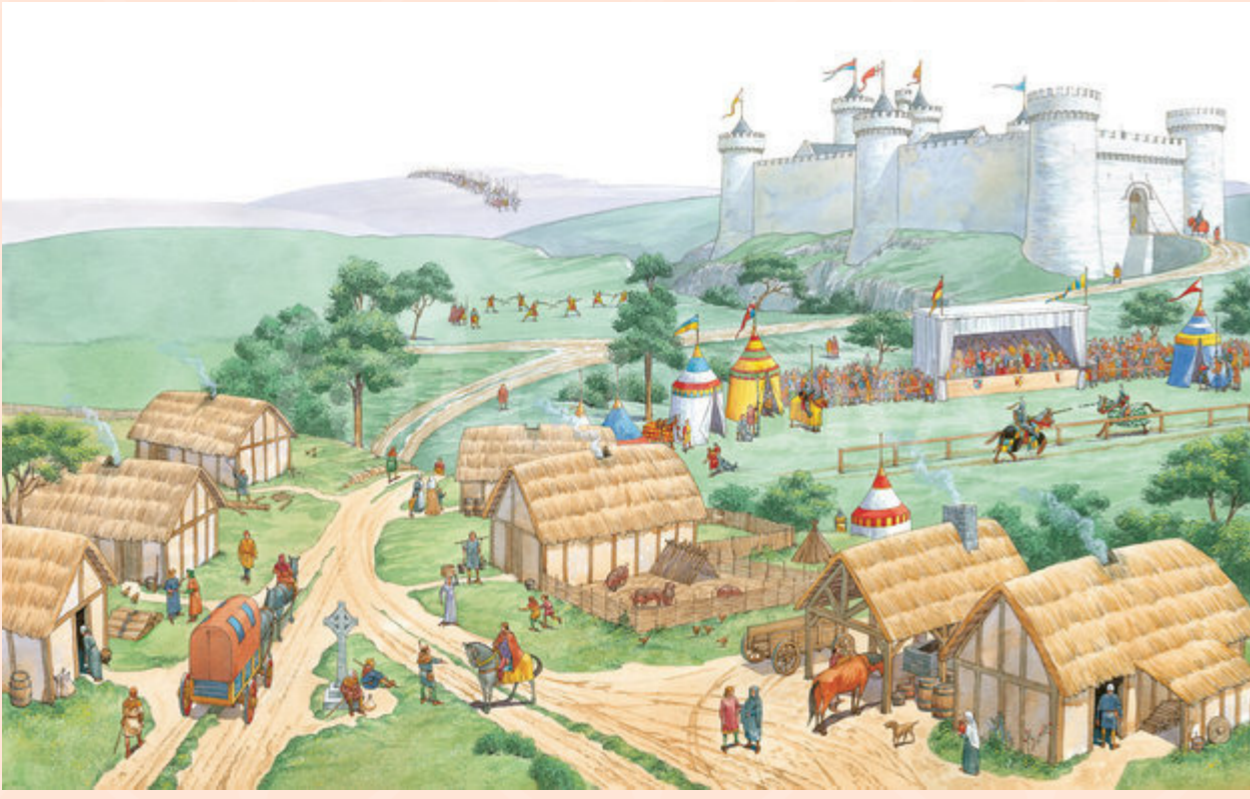
But there are also bad news...

During the Middle Ages, there is an illness, called the **black plague** that cause the death of most of the European citizens.

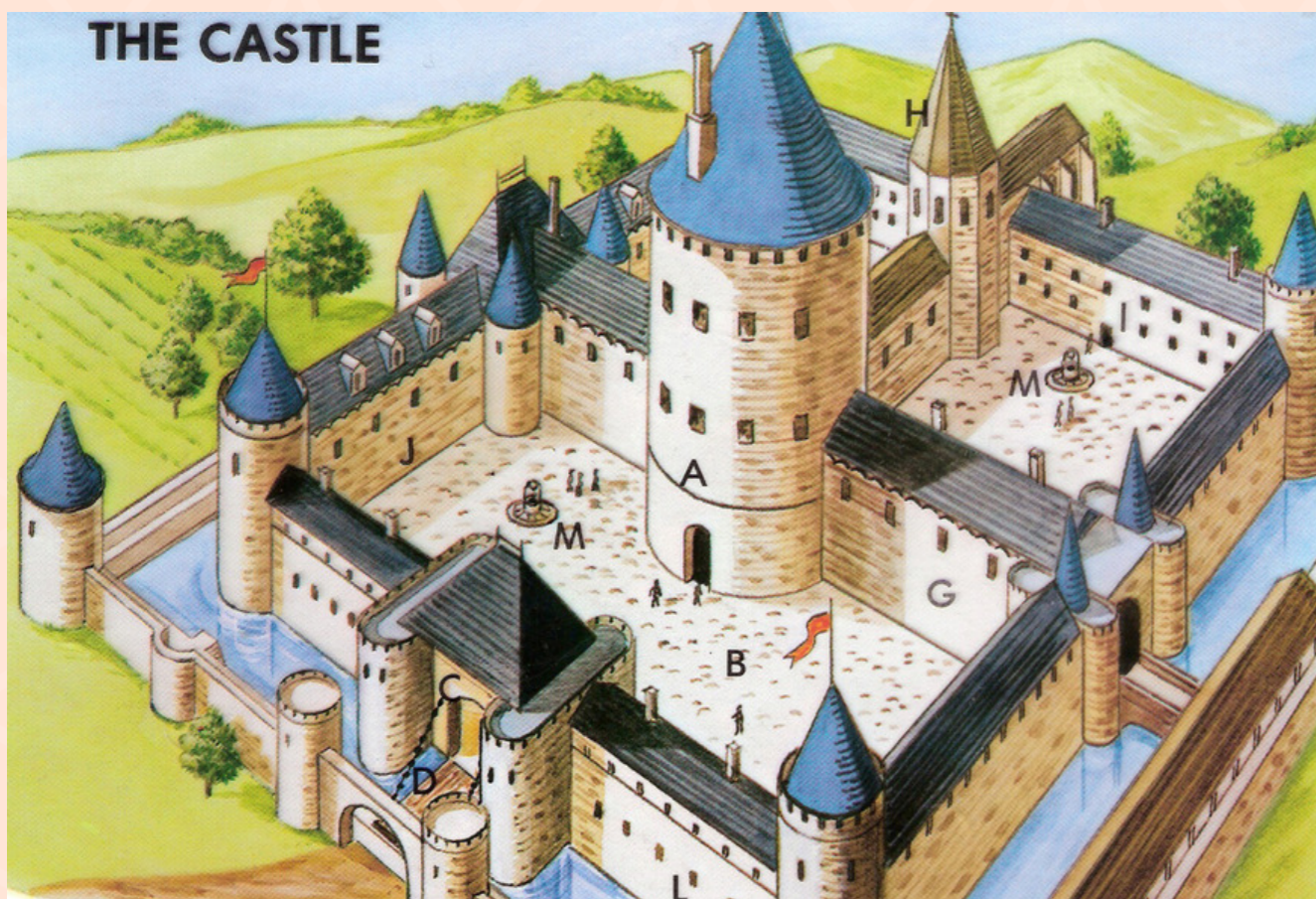
The rats transmit the illness to the people.



The homes of the Middle Age people!



In the High Middle Ages, most of the people live in small villages near the protection of a castle.



The rich people live in castles. The castles are places of defense and they are walled. At the same time, the castles are also the home of the nobles.



In the Low Middle Ages, people move to the cities.