

Medieval Knights and Warfare WebQuest

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1. Who were the knights?
2. How did they fit into the feudal system?
3. By the beginning of the 15th century, who wore full body armor?

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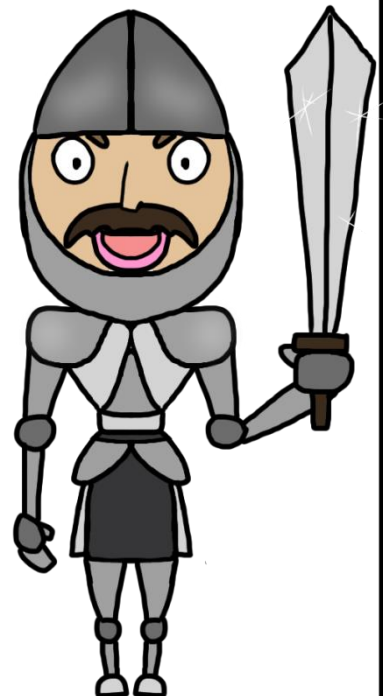
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leather armor

chain mail

plate armor

2. As a knight, which form of armor would you choose? Why?



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<http://web.mit.edu/21h.416/www/militarytechnology/militarytechnology.html>. Read about the longbow, crossbow, arrows, horses, and swords.

1. If you were a knight, what weapons would you want to take into battle? Why? Remember, you can only take what you can carry!

2. What weapon/s changed medieval warfare during the Hundred Years War?

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1. Why do you think knights were targeted during battle?

2. What weapons do you think were most effective in fighting against knights? Why do you think they were effective?

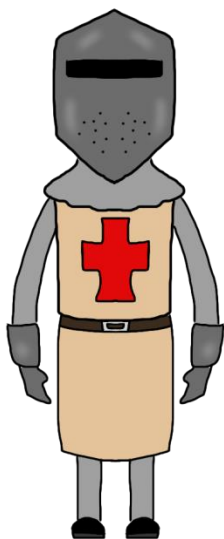


3. Imagine you are a medieval knight. Your younger brother is about to head out to his first battle. What advice would you give him?

4. Now, imagine you're an experienced foot soldier. What advice would you give a novice foot soldier?

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1. Explain the results of the University of Leeds study.



2. Do you agree or disagree with the study's findings. Why?

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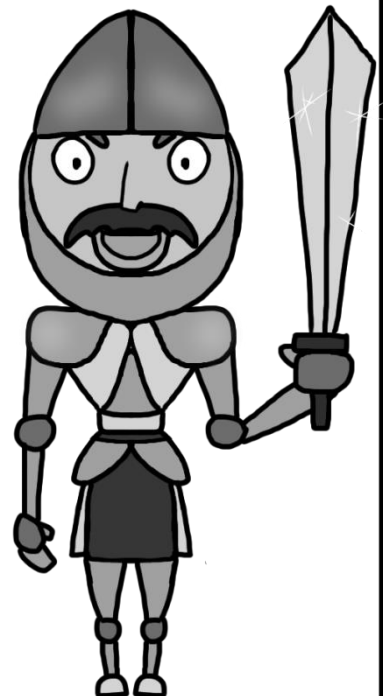
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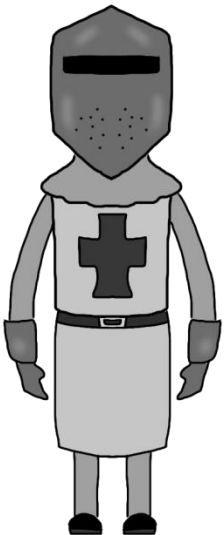


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