

Aztec	What made Tenochtitlan great? decline of the empire, weapons & warfare	Montezuma, Cortez, conquistador	Why did the Aztec empire fall to the invading army of Cortez?
Castles	history, construction, warfare function	structure, use, people	Why and how did castle building evolve during the middle ages?
Great Cities: Venice, Mecca, Tenochtitlan, London, Beijing...	beginnings, design, transportation	architecture, foundation, design, temples, marketplace, economy, palace	Why did this city become important? What made this city unique?
Daily life of women	Comparison of women's rights in different cultures. Or, compare the rights of women to the rights of men in a particular civilization	work, education, jobs, power, housing, rights	Which Middle Ages Civilization had the best circumstances for women? How were the rights of women different from the lives of men in a particular culture?
Scientists & Mathematicians	Astronomy, algebra, origins of geometry, biology, physics, medicine, engineering	research, calendar, scientific method, experiment, trial and error, Copernicus, Keppler, Newton, Galileo, Mayan Math, Al-Khwarizmi, DesCartes, Omar Khayyam	How did the work of a scientist change the way people see the world? How did a discovery change the way people do things?

Great Leaders	king, power, empire, military, achievements	president, emperor, king,	What impact did this leader have on their society/country/culture?
Famous Battles	reasons, aftermath, destruction, technology	war, battle, treaty, army, weapons,	What were the reasons for this battle? How did this battle change the course of history? How could it have been avoided?
Medicine, herbals, homeopathic	Health, sickness, disease, and treatment options	health, patient, doctor, hospital, Ar-Razi, Ibn-Sina, accupuncture	What happened when people got sick? How were they dealt with? Who was involved in health profession(s)? How did they become involved and what did they do? What kind of treatment options existed? Who benefitted and why?
Disease	Black Death, Malaria, the Plague,	plague, medicine, epidemic	How did the Black Death affect society during the middle ages?
Trade Routes	Saharan caravans, Silk Road, Inca Roads	commerce, economics, resources	What were the challenges facing traders during the middle ages. Why was trade important to societies?
Village Life	What was the process for creating items? What materials were used? Who were the customers? Where and how were items sold?	materials, techniques, value, process, trade, apprentice, blacksmith, shoemaker, weaver, tanner	How difficult was it for people to get hold of the stuff they needed?
Medieval Justice	Crime and Punishment,	Judges, Trials, Juries, Execution, Prison	How was justice handed down in England during the middle ages?

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