MIDDLE AGES holiday WEBQUEST

Directions: Use either your device or classroom laptop to complete this activity!

**Part 1**: Visit the following webpage: <http://medievaleurope.mrdonn.org/holidays.html>

1. **Read the article**
2. **Answer the following questions**



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| QUESTION | YOUR ANSWER |
| Who established most of the holidays in the middle ages? |  |
| What was the longest holiday of the year? |  |
| What were festivals like? What kind of activities were there? |  |
| Why were the commoners happy with the church? |  |
| How did the church earn both power and money from holidays? |  |

**Part 2**: Visit the following webpage:

<http://www.lordsandladies.org/middle-ages-holidays.htm>

1. **Choose 3 holidays mentioned in the article and describe them.**

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| HOLIDAY | WHAT WAS IT LIKE? | DO WE CELEBRATE A SIMILAR HOLIDAY TODAY? |
| EXAMPLE:All Fool’s Day | EXAMPLE:The jesters took charge for the day and caused a lot of mayhem with jokes & jests! | EXAMPLE:This reminds me of April Fool’s Day! We play jokes/pranks on each other. |
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**Part 3**: Visit the following webpage:

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/ydax5mab](http://TINYURL.COM/ydax5mab)

1. **Read the article**
2. **Answer the questions below**

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| QUESTION | YOUR ANSWER |
| Why did people take every chance they could to feast? |  |
| What was the greatest religious feast? What was it like? |  |
| How did people prepare for Christmas in the Middle Ages? |  |
| Why were the commoners happy with the church? |  |
| What kind of food/drinks would they serve at feasts? |  |

**Part 4:**

Choose one of the holidays you learned about in today’s webquest. Draw a visual representation of the holiday below! Make sure to think about everything you learned about the holiday. Ex: What season was it in? What would the weather be like? What food/drinks would they have? What would people be doing? You may also want to consider whether your visual representation is of lords/ladies celebrating or serfs/peasants celebrating. How would they celebrate differently?

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