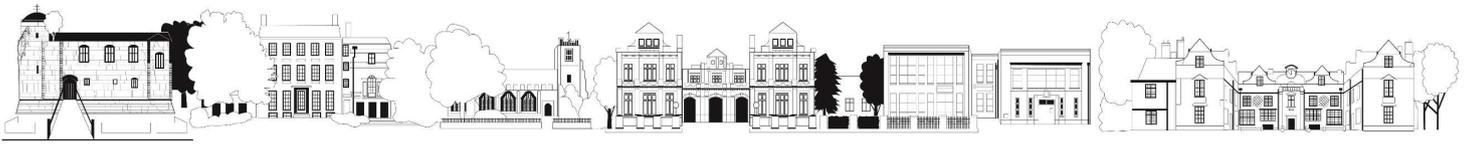


# Medieval Quiz

How much do you know about medieval people? Take our short quiz and find out!

1. Could you enter the houses of parliament wearing a suit of armour?
2. Where would you clean your clothes in the medieval period?
  - a. Washing machine
  - b. Moat
  - c. Toilet
3. Were you allowed to pick your nose or fart at a medieval banquet?
4. What would you eat your dinner from?
  - a. A plate
  - b. A dish
  - c. A slice of bread
5. Could animals get in trouble if they did something wrong?
6. What would children drink?
  - a. Cola
  - b. Water
  - c. Beer
7. Which two things would you **not** eat at a medieval feast:
  - Seal
  - Peacock
  - Porpoise
  - Swan
  - Boar
  - Salad
  - Crane
  - Stew
  - Fresh fruit
8. Were you allowed to play football?
9. How would you brush your teeth?
  - a. Using mint toothpaste
  - b. With a cloth
  - c. You didn't brush them



## Answers

1. **No** - This law was made in 1313 and is still true!
2. **C** - Clothes were left in the garderobe, or toilet. It was thought that the smell would make all the fleas and lice, which usually lived in the clothes, leave.
3. **No** - You had to behave well, so no throwing food on the floor, eating politely, and no farting! Although King Henry II had a jester called Roland the Farter who entertained the his guests at Christmas by whistling, tumbling and, yes, letting one off...
4. **C** - A thick slice of bread called a trencher would be used instead of a plate. Bonus – you got to eat the ‘plate’ after you’d finished!
5. **Yes** - If an animal was suspected of breaking the law they could be taken to court and put on trial, with a judge and jurors.
6. **C** - Not only is beer tastier than water, its much less likely to make you sick, as part of the process of making beer involves boiling the water, which killed off any germs or bacteria.
7. **Salad and fresh fruit** - In the middle ages people believed that raw fruit and vegetables were bad for you, maybe even poisonous.
8. **No** - Medieval ‘mob’ football involved as many people as you liked. It could be one whole village against another. The point of the game was to carry an inflated pigskin ball to the end of the other team’s territory. There were no rules, apart from you couldn’t murder each other. Even so, people sometimes died. It caused so much trouble that King Edward II banned it in 1314.
9. **B** - People in the medieval period are thought to have used rough linen cloth to scrub off all the plaque from their teeth. They may not have had mint toothpaste, but they might have used rosemary and a paste made of salt and pepper. Rather than us!