


KNIGHTS Powerpoint

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- Knights were upper nobles who protected the manors, lords, and kings
- Famous Knights have included the 'Black Knight' and the "Knights of the Round Table" in England



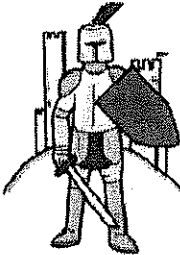
Becoming a Knight



Becoming a Knight Started at a very young age:

- AGE 7 = Become a Page**
 - learn how to hunt, learn manners, learn to fight. Live with Knight.
- AGE 14 = Become a Squire**
 - become a 'knight apprentice'
 - had to help the knight in battle, tend to his wounds, learn how to fight, and become the knight's personal assistant.

TURNING 21





When a Squire turned 21, then he was eligible to become a knight.

AGE 21- Ceremony of Knighthood

- the Squire would have a ceremony on the night before his birthday where he would have a traditional bath, dress in ceremony robes, and go to the church and pray.

In the morning, the Squire would have a knight 'dub' him a knight.




DUTIES OF A KNIGHT

Knights had many duties or obligations that they had to perform. They included:


- Protect the Lord/King
- Defend the Manor
- Protect the women, church, children, and the weak
- Uphold the law
- Live according to the rules of Chivalry (manners)

Armour & Protection

- A knight was armed like a tank. He had so much armor and weapons that he depended on his squire to keep his armor and weapons clean and in good working condition. At first the armor was made of small metal rings called chain mail. A knight wore a linen shirt and a pair of pants as well as heavy woolen pads underneath the metal-ringed tunic. A suit of chain mail could have more than 200,000 rings. However, chain mail was heavy, uncomfortable, and difficult to move in. As time passed, knights covered their bodies with plates of metal. Plates covered their chests, back, arms, and legs. A bucket-like helmet protected the knight's head and had a hinged metal visor to cover his face. Suits of armor were hot, uncomfortable, and heavy to wear. A suit of armor weighed between twenty and thirty kilos. Some knights even protected their horses in armor.

Role of Horses

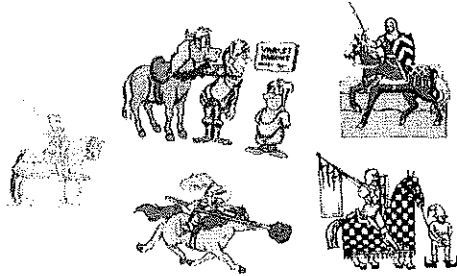


Horses were a 'Knight's best friend'

Knights had an advantage in battle because they were on horseback and not just a regular foot soldier.

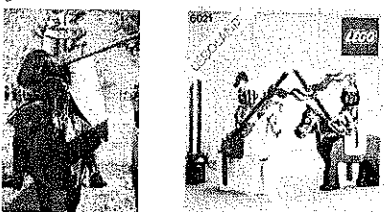
Often their horses were also decorated for battle or **JOUSTING** matches.

Horses Continued...




JOUSTING

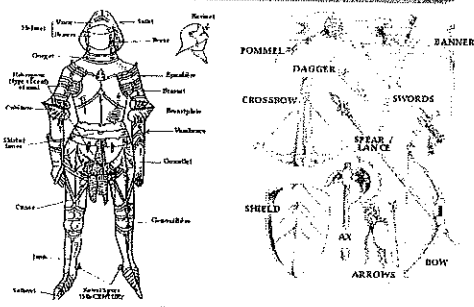
- Jousting was used as part of a knight's training. Jousting matches occurred when two knights would run at each other carrying large spear like swords. The objective was to knock the other knight off his horse using a LANCE sword.



Jousting Pictures

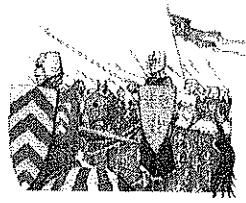


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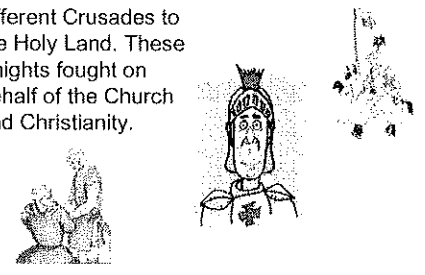
Knights & the Crusades

- Knights had a lot of duties and responsibilities in Medieval England. During the Middle Ages, Knights had to protect and defend the manors, but as England grew and Christianity spread, many King's were not happy that the "Holy Land" of Jerusalem was in the hands of the "Muslims" and not the "Christians". Kings began to send their Knights to free the "holy lands" in what were to become known as the **HOLY CRUSADES**. The Knights would have to take their horses and go to Jerusalem to fight for the Holy Land.



The Crusades

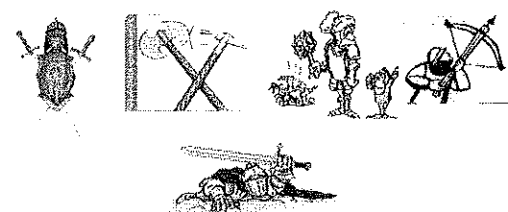
- There were EIGHT different Crusades to the Holy Land. These Knights fought on behalf of the Church and Christianity.



Knight's Weapons

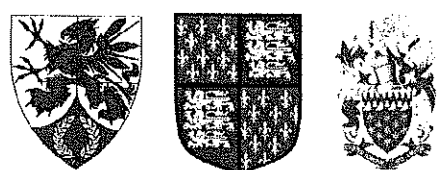
Knights were equipped with many different forms of weapons:

1. SWORDS
2. BATTLE AXES
3. MACE
4. Cross Bows



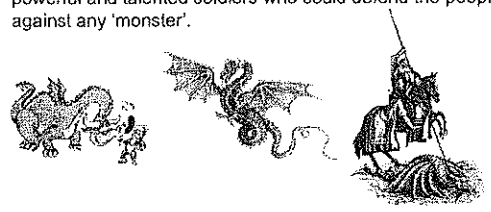
Coats of Arms

- Each Knight had his own SHEILD with his family crest on it. They were used to identify knights who had fallen in battle.



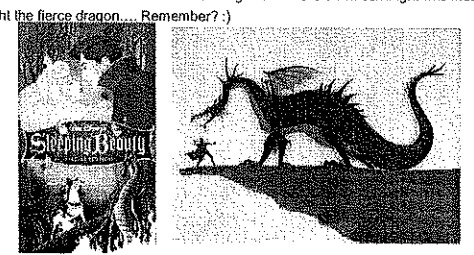
DRAGONS

- In history, Knights are often associated with Dragons. This was to try and give the impression that Knights were very powerful and talented soldiers who could defend the people against any 'monster'.



Sleeping Beauty...

The cartoon "Sleeping Beauty" takes place in the Middle Ages and Sleeping Beauty must wait for a kiss from Prince Charming. BUT...he is a Prince/Knight who must fight the fierce dragon... Remember? :)



King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table

The Legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table are also from this period in the Middle Ages.

The story of Arthur is old. People have been singing war songs in his honor for probably more than 1,500 years. The popular conception is of a King Arthur, with his lovely queen and noble knights, and the Round Table, and Excalbur, and the Holy Grail, and all the other trappings. The scholarly conception of Arthur is of a war leader in post-Roman Britain, fighting against the encroachment of Saxon settlers.

