

A Modern Medieval Festival



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NYS STANDARD

Social Studies, Physical Fitness,
English Language Arts, and Science
Standards

GRADE LEVEL

Grade 6

STUDENTS SERVED

65 students

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant was to help students build a more authentic understanding of the Medieval Time Period. A wide variety of hands-on activities were set up at different stations and a celebratory feast gave students a simulated experience of what life was like for Serfs, Knights, and Kings, to name a few. We primarily used the funds from the Grant to provide authentic activities for students. For example, we began our day with a Jeopardy-style quiz show with everyone in “period costume.” After that, the students worked at stations that included activities like making tin luminaries, ink from berries, and orange pomander balls with real cloves. A “feast fit for a King” followed the crafts session, complete with foods from the Middle Ages. The students then spent the afternoon participating in competitions of Javelin (Horseshoes), Blind-man’s Bluff, and a Jousting Tournament. On display throughout the day were life-size paper dolls of Medieval folk, 3-D models of castles, and literary works created by students in their ELA classes.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students achieved a first-hand appreciation of the time period known as the Middle Ages. Participating in games, arts & crafts stations, a medieval feast, ballad writing, preparing materials and role playing gave students knowledge of the culture and lifestyles of people who lived during the Middle Ages. The acquisition of vocabulary and knowledge, as demonstrated by participation in a live Jeopardy quiz show allowed students to show unit mastery.