

DEGRANVILLE TRILOGY

HISTORY QUIZ

Hello! I wonder if, like me, you just can't help yourself when you see a quiz? Even if I'm supposed to be doing something else, I always want to take a sneaky look to see if I can answer any of the questions. If I can, it makes me feel really good! If I can't, I'll be able to next time. So, it's what we call a 'win win' situation. Excellent! This is a quiz based on the life and times of the de Granville family. I hope you enjoy it. — Kate

1. What was the nickname given to King Richard I of England?
2. What were his parents called?
3. What did Richard threaten to sell to finance the crusade?
4. What was a destrier?
5. What was the name given to the knee-length coat of mail worn over a padded tunic?
6. Can you name two types of bow used in the twelfth century?
7. In double monasteries in the twelfth century—monasteries in which there were both monks and nuns (although they still lived apart)—who was in charge, the abbess or the abbot?
8. What are Vespers?
9. What was a reredorter?
10. What does this describe? He had a shoulder like the roe's; His flank was like the woodland doe's; Loin of stag; tail of rat; Thigh of hair and foot of cat.
11. If you were the Keeper of the King's Harriers, what would your job entail?
12. When were buttons first used on clothes?
13. How many horses might a knight have used during a military campaign?
14. How much did a warhorse cost?
15. In the great plains of Mongolia, what colour horse, during the twelfth century, was considered the most beautiful?

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16. What did a horseman on the move in the Middle and Far East use as food?
17. Why was March 25th important to medieval people?
18. What was the name of the stick used by farming folk to make small holes for seeds?
19. What bird were people absolutely forbidden to kill, even when it gobbled up all their newly-sown seeds?
20. What colours are madder, woad and weld?
21. Which month was known as 'the hungry month'?
22. What did a medieval housewife have on the boil at all times, rather like a coffee pot?
23. In a medieval castle, what was a 'squint'?