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6th Grade Social Studies Course: Castles and Cannons

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COURSE OVERVIEW: In 476, warriors attacked the city of Rome and ended more than 800 years of glory for the “Eternal City.” About one thousand years later, Europe experienced a “rebirth” we now call the Renaissance. The era between the fall of Rome and the Renaissance is a thousand-year period we call the Middle Ages. Culture in the Middle Ages is often described as barbaric. This was a rough time to exist! Today we think of the glamour of kings, queens, and the Knights of the Round Table, but the reality is that most people had little to no rights and lived in poverty! Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and experience the life of a peasant? Polish your crown and work on your castle? Engage in a friendly joust in the PVP based Knights Tournament? Join us for an amazing adventure through the Middle Ages – Minecraft Style!

WEEKLY TOPICS

- Week 1 – The Life of a Peasant
- Week 2 – Surviving as a Peasant
- Week 3 – The King & Castle
- Week 4 – Knights & Tournaments (PVP)
- Week 5 – Medieval War Machines
- Week 6 – Server Party – No Curriculum

GRADE REPORT

Assignment	Comments	Grade
Quiz 1		20/20
Minecraft Build 1	Great work building the details from the videos this week! I love how you used wood as the main block for your peasant house. The use of item frames and plants hung upside down for herbs drying was very creative. Keep up the great work.	20/20
Essay 1	You did a good job writing your journal from the perspective of a peasant. Always capitalize the first word in every sentence. Remember to include adjectives and adverbs to give your writing color.	18/20
Redstone 1	You had a slight issue with your wiring, but the machine still executed the correct function.	17/20
Quiz 2		18/20
Minecraft Build 2	You continue to build creatively. I love your use of lava in the smithy and your inclusion of the outdoor ovens for communal baking. Great job adding lots of details to your builds.	20/20
Essay 2	I noticed a great improvement in capitalization this week. Keep working to add more descriptive language into your essay. I thought that your description of the communal ovens was very detail oriented. Overall this is a great submission.	19/20
Redstone 2	Perfect build!	20/20
Quiz 3		20/20
Minecraft Build 3	This is a great start on your kingdom. I like how you used flags on the outside of your castle walls. Remember to look for ways to incorporate design elements such as arches, domes, and stylized corners.	18/20
Essay 3	I am so happy with how many descriptive words you used this week. My favorite was the phrase "dark and dreary tower". Fantastic improvement.	20/20
Redstone 4	Perfect build!	20/20
Quiz 4		16/20
Minecraft Build 4	Were you in a hurry this week? I could not find very many details included in your build this week. I would love to see you go back and add additional details and then resubmit the build. Consider ways that you can decorate the interior of your castle structure.	14/20
Essay 4	You continue to improve in your writing skills. I counted 16 adjectives this week. That is a fantastic improvement over the 2 you used in week 1. Remember to check your spelling when you use these big adjectives.	19/20
Redstone 4	Your doors would not open. Check your Redstone wiring and resubmit if you correct the issue.	10/20
Quiz 5		17/20
Minecraft Build 5	Your kingdom looks fantastic! I love how you built the armory, King's apartments, and dining hall. The addition of iron bars to the outside of the castle walls really brings it all together.	20/20
Essay 5	Your conversational style was fun to read this week! Do you think that King Steve will be successful if he continues to treat the peasants as if they were slaves? Good job!	20/20
Redstone 5	Perfect build!	20/20
FINAL GRADE		92%

MINECRAFT PROJECTS

Build 1: Peasant House



Build 2: Peasant Village



Build 3: Castle Exterior



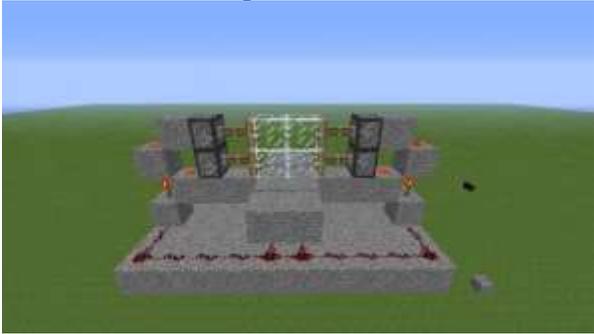
Build 4: Castle Interior



Build 5: Siege Engine



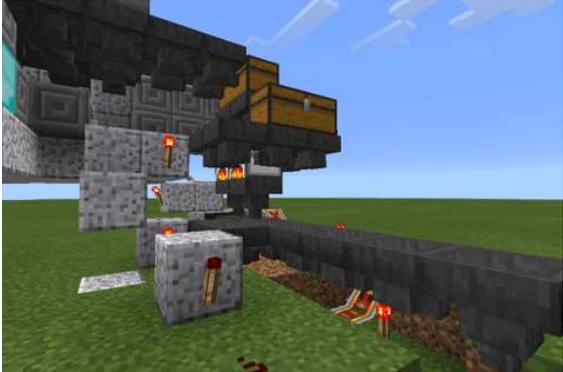
Redstone 1: Sliding Door



Redstone 2: Melon Farm



Redstone 3: Auto Cooker



Redstone 4: Arrow Trap



Redstone 5: Lava Door

