

# Activity

## 1. Read the text to answer the following questions

### Medieval literature

Medieval literature is the name given to all those works written mainly in Europe during the Middle Ages, that is, during the approximately one thousand years that elapsed from the fall of the Western Roman Empire until the beginning of the Renaissance at the end of the 15th century. Therefore, it is more appropriate to characterize literary works by their place of origin, their language or their genre.

The literature of this period was quite delimited by the social and cultural conditions of medieval society.

The most outstanding works, especially of the high Middle Ages, are usually anonymous works. The figure of the minstrel or troubadour was invaluable in preserving this literature. Among the most important anonymous works are the following.

The Song of Roland, the Song of the Mio Cid, Beowulf and others.



1. What is medieval literature called?

2. What was medieval literature like?

3. Which were the most outstanding works of the Middle Ages?

4. Mention the works of the Middle Ages that were anonymous.

5. Have you ever read any work from the Middle Ages?