

3 Look at the timeline. Then complete the text.

700 – the first knights



1023 – Knights Hospitaller



1348 – Order of the Garter

1400s – knights gave money to the king

Today – people who do something important are made knights



A knight was a person who worked for the king. Usually it was someone who had a lot of money. This is because knights needed a horse, a sword and a shield. These were very expensive! Men first became knights in (1) 700. They helped the king and the king gave them land. Knights were important people because they had a lot of money and land. Later, the knights made their own groups. One of the first groups were the (2) _____, who started in 1023. They helped people who were ill.

In 1348, King Edward III of England started a famous group of knights: the (3) _____. Then, in the (4) _____, many knights gave money to the king so they didn't have to help him. The king used this money to get other people to help him.

Today, people are still knights, but they don't ride horses. It is just a special name. It is given to people who do (5) _____. Men are 'Sir' and women are 'Dame'. Bill Gates, who started Microsoft, is a knight. Angelina Jolie, the actress, is a dame.

4 Imagine you are a king or queen. Make a timeline of people you have made a knight or dame. Write why they have the title.

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