

Summative assessment for the unit «Earth and our place in it»

Learning objectives	9.4.1.1 Understand the main points in extended texts on a range of unfamiliar general and curricular topics
	9.5.5.1 Develop with support coherent arguments supported when necessary by examples and reasons for a wide range of written genres in familiar general and curricular topics
	9.5.3.1 Write with moderate grammatical accuracy on a wide range of familiar general and curricular topics
Assessment criteria	• Identify the main points in the text • Use subject-specific vocabulary and syntax to express their opinion
Level of thinking skills	Knowledge and comprehension Application
Duration	20 minutes

Reading

Task 1. Read the article and mark the sentences T (true), F (false), DS (doesn't say)

Life in the Middle Ages

The Middle Ages lasted from about 400 – 1500 AD. Life was not easy for people during these years. They worked in the fields from the moment the sun came up to the moment it went down. They were out in the cold snow of winter and the hot sun of summer. They gave half of what they grew to the owner of the land.

Most people lived in villages and each village usually had from 10 to 60 families. Families lived in tiny wooden houses with all their animals, which meant that floors were very dirty. A fire for cooking was always burning in the house and there was a hole in the roof to let the smoke out. People didn't have a lot of furniture apart from a table and a simple bed.

The village was the centre of the world in the Middle Ages. People stayed close to home and didn't travel far because they were afraid of strangers. Life wasn't all bad in the Middle Ages,



however. People didn't work on Sundays and often gathered together to eat, drink and enjoy themselves. There were many holidays and most people actually only worked for 260 days of a year – that's about the same amount as we do today!

- 1 Life was difficult for people in the Middle Ages.
- 2 People did not work when the weather was cold.
- 3 Meat was too expensive to eat.
- 4 Houses were full of wooden furniture.
- 5 People liked to travel long distances.
- 6 People usually worked from Monday to Saturday.
- 7 We have many of the same holidays as the people in the Middle Ages had.

Writing

Task 2. Read Fiona's article. What does she like/not like about her new home?

Complete the table. You should write **not less than 5 positive ideas** and **not less than 4 negative ideas**.

Village Life



Two years ago, I moved with my family from a big town to a little village in Wales called Capel Seion. My parents are writers, so they can work from home, and they thought it would be nice for us to grow up in the countryside. When they saw Capel Seion, they decided it was the perfect place!

We live in a traditional stone cottage with a grey slate roof. It's very pretty, but it can get a bit cold in winter! My favourite room is my bedroom. It's in the attic at the top of the house and it's got a lovely view. The Rheidol River is nearby, and there are green fields and forests all around the village. It's very peaceful here and we all enjoy long bike rides and walks. There is a primary school here, but my brother and I have to catch the bus to our secondary school in the nearest town, Aberystwyth. In fact, my parents have to go to Aberystwyth quite often, too, because there are no shops in Capel Seion!

I like living here because it's peaceful and the scenery is beautiful. There's not much to do, but our neighbours are welcoming and we have made some great friends.



	