

## The Life of a Serf

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*Read each question carefully and go back into the story when you don't know the answer. Always read every single option before choosing a final answer.*

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1. Serfs can be compared to what kind of human occupation?
  - a. A business person.
  - b. A slave.
  - c. A merchant.
  - d. A free worker.
  
2. Once the Church would free the peasants from slavery, what would the "freedmen" trade their new freedom for?
  - a. Food and Water.
  - b. Housing and Materials.
  - c. Security and Weapons.
  - d. Protection and Land.
  
3. If Lords mistreated their Serfs, how could the serfs improve their livelihoods?
  - a. There wasn't much serfs could do if a Lord mistreat them.
  - b. Serfs could write a letter of support to a Judge.
  - c. The Lord's physician could settle problems between Lord and Serf.
  - d. Serfs could ask for help from Freedmen who had more rights.

4. What were Serf's houses mainly built from?
  - a. Wood, Nails, and Tiled Shingles
  - b. Tin, Mud, and Wood
  - c. Iron, Straw, and Logs
  - d. Mud, Straw, and Wood.
  
5. What an improvement came from the Serfs' long hours of work for their Lord?
  - a. Better agricultural farming technology.
  - b. Women lived longer because of healthier foods.
  - c. Weapons were improved because of better materials.
  - d. Slaves were freed and made governments.
  
6. In what way are the Middle Ages comparable to today when comparing a serf and an average modern-day person?
  - a. Serfs' celebrated holidays more or as often as modern-day people.
  - b. Serfs play similar games to modern-day people.
  - c. Religion is still the point of most holidays for modern-day people.
  - d. Modern-day people can get new jobs just as easy as Serfs.
  
7. Which activity would a Serf NOT do or see at a Middle Ages holiday?
  - a. Watch Knights at a Jousting Tournament.
  - b. People partied and danced.
  - c. Go to church and worship God.
  - d. Attend a music band's concert.

8. In the chapters 5-8 of the Whipping Boy, what conclusion could you make in comparison between Jemmy's life and a typical Serf's life?
- Jemmy is born in the Royal Family.
  - Jemmy is most likely a Serf that must follow the Lord's demands.
  - Serfs were whipped like Jemmy for the Lord's pleasure
  - Serfs can leave their land anytime just like Jemmy can leave the castle without a problem.

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