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**CHRISTIANITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES**

(Use textbook p 54-56, your notes, and our discussion to help you complete the following).

1.a) Define “FAITH” in your own words.

b) Why was religion so important to Christians during the middle ages?

2. Complete the chart below. Fill in blanks, and colour stars to indicate what you think on a 1-5 scale. Above all else, what common idea did all classes of medieval society share?

**The Ruling Class (nobles, knights, lords)**

Daily Work:

Quality of Life: 

Importance of Religion: 

**The Common Folk (Serfs, Peasants, Freeholders)**

Daily Work:

Quality of Life: 

Importance of Religion: 

**Religious Devotees (Monks & Nuns)**

Daily Work:

Quality of Life: 

Importance of Religion: 

**High Church Officials**

Daily Work:

Quality of Life: 

Importance of Religion: 

3.a) Describe three ways in which the Church was central in people’s lives:

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b) What were the positive and negative aspects of the Church having so much influence over the people?

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4. The Church was the only organization offering education. How did this role give the Church even MORE power?

5. Something crazy has happened! Like in the (fictional) movie clip we watched, a religious artifact has been discovered that is believed to be Jesus’ words to his disciples at the last supper. By God’s will, you are one of the very first people to read these words, and what they say could greatly change the course of history, and create a major shift in the balance of power. The words of the gospel:

*Jesus said... the Kingdom of God is inside you, and all around you, not in mansions of wood and stone. Split a piece of wood... and I am there, lift a stone... and you will find me.*

Based on the card you have drawn, you will assume your role in society and write a short journal entry (min 5-10 sentences) from that point of view. In it, you should:

- discuss the meaning of the words and what it means for the Church

- discuss how this will affect YOU, your faith and your religious practices

- discuss what you plan to do with this discovery, (share, keep secret, destroy?)

Now, it’s all up to you! Stay in character, Think critically, Use what we have learned about religion in the Middle Ages to guide your response. (Remember that Religion is CENTRAL no matter who you are)

You will be marked: 10 marks for Content/Quality of response, 5 marks mechanics - Total: /15