**The Middle Ages Final Projects**

**Directions:** Choose one of the topics and complete the assignments for your topic. You may work by yourself or in a group

**Castles**

1. Research how an army laid siege to a castle, how a castle was defended, or what it might be like to live in a castle. Write a summary of your findings.
2. Build your own medieval castle

**The Crusades**

1. Research one of the Crusades to answer the following questions:

* What were the motives of this crusade?
* What were the routes taken by the crusaders?
* What were the hazards that travelers discovered on their way to the Middle East?
* What were the battle tactics that medieval armies used in taking fortified cities?
* What role did religion play in the daily lives of the crusaders?
* What happened after the Crusade? Was it successful? Why or why not?

1. Draw a map to show the routes of the Crusade.

**Cathedrals**

1. Research one cathedral that has lasted the test of time and answer the following questions:

* Why was this cathedral built?
* What type of architecture is the cathedral modeled after?
* How much did it cost to build the cathedral?
* How many years did it take to build the cathedral?
* How was the cathedral given its name?
* Who built the cathedral?

1. Draw a picture of the cathedral.

**Presentation:** You we’ll present your projects to the class. Have one fact you found the most interesting about your topic for your classmates to write down.