

Fun Interactive Sites About the Early Middle Ages

Games:

- Take a shot at the ancient Viking board game, originally called “Hnefatafl” and now more commonly referred as “The Viking Game.” Tafl games are a family of ancient Germanic board games played on a checkered board with two teams of uneven strength. Versions were played across much of Northern Europe from at least 400 CE (AD) until it was supplanted by chess during the Renaissance. Hnefatafl is a game frequently referred to in the Norse sagas. Vikings considered skill at Hnefatafl to be a valuable attribute,
<http://www.scandinavica.com/games/tablut.htm>
<http://www.irt.org/games/js/hnefat/>
- Play the game of 'Viking Quest', which takes you back to AD 793. Can you build a ship, cross the seas, loot a monastery and return home to claim your prize? Your chief has set the challenge; it's up to you to respond.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/vikings/launch_gms_viking_quest.shtml
- See how quickly you can assemble a jigsaw puzzle from these illuminated pages from the Book of Kells.
The Canon Table:
<http://historymedren.about.com/library/games/jigsaws/blkellscanonpuzzles.htm>
Two Evangelists:
<http://historymedren.about.com/library/games/jigsaws/bl2evangpuzzles.htm>
Portrait of John:
<http://historymedren.about.com/library/games/jigsaws/blpuzzpoj.htm>
- Create your own Dark Ages Character:
http://www.history.com/marquee.do?content_type=Marquee_Generic&content_type_id=53129&display_order=5&marquee_id=53127
- Explanations and directions for many popular children’s games from the Early Middle Ages:
<http://www.medieval.net/games.htm>

Online Quests discovering the Early Middle Ages:

- **The birth of the Middle Ages:**
http://www.mtsd-vt.org/WebQuests/SChristensen/webquest-middle_ages.htm
- **Dark Ages scavenger hunt through websites:**
http://www.quia.com/sh/2499.html?AP_rand=401355519
- **Biographies of famous people of the Middle Ages**
<http://www.btinternet.com/%7Etimeref/hpra.htm#J639>

Other Great Sites:

- What happened on this date in Medieval history? Click here to find out!

<http://historymedren.about.com/library/date/bl079.htm>

- This site provides a good basic overview of many aspects of medieval life including; clothing, food, games, government, environment, economy, and more:
<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/medieval/index.htm>
- Learn about various weapons used in the Early Middle Ages:
<http://www.themiddleages.net/life/arrows.html>
<http://www.themiddleages.net/longbow.html>
<http://www.themiddleages.net/crossbow.html>
<http://www.themiddleages.net/sword.html>
- Try your hand at making an Early Middle Ages dinner!
www.stavacademy.co.uk/mimir/asrecipes.htm
- Ancient History of the Iron Age Celts:
www.celts.mrdonn.org/dailylife.html
- What kinds of occupations did people have in the Early Middle Ages?
<http://members.tripod.com/hkcarms/occ.html>
- From a West Saxon dialect to a global phenomenon, from runes to rap, the development of English follows a fascinating trail:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_tl_ages_english.shtml