



## Pathfinder: King Arthur And the Middle Ages

**Search Tools:** When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

**Introductory Materials:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

**Terms and Keywords:** Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try specific words to find your subject like 'Chivalry'. But also remember to think beyond your subject to broader terms like 'Middle Ages' and use the index at the back of the book for your specific subject. 'Knights' would be a more specific subject search. Again, use the index for broad and specific subject terms! The following are some terms you might want to use in your search:

- King Arthur
- Medieval life
- Knights
- Castles
- Middle ages

**Dewey Numbers:** We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

- 391.009 – is clothing from the Middle Ages
- 92 – are where biographies are located
- 940.1 – are the Middle Ages
- 728.81 – is where the books on castles are

**Reference Materials to Use:** The books with a reference sticker cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few books we have that are reference on this subject:

- REF 909.07 MED *Medieval World*
- REF 940.1 DIC *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*
- REF 355.8 COE *Swords and hilt weapons*

**Internet Resources:** When you *google* a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually

reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. If they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are some websites you can use:

- [www.middle-ages.org.uk/](http://www.middle-ages.org.uk/) Fast and accurate facts about the Middle Ages.
- <http://history.howstuffworks.com/middle-ages> Good site for guilds, knights, castles and more.
- [www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/arthur/index.html](http://www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/arthur/index.html) This site has all things King Arthur including bios, The Round Table, The Holy Grail and much more...
- [www.godecookery.com/mtales/mtales.htm#TableoC](http://www.godecookery.com/mtales/mtales.htm#TableoC) Describes daily life and beliefs of the time.

**Additional Reading:**

- *Crispin: the Cross of Lead* by Avi
- *Blood Red Horse* by K. M. Grant
- *The Camelot Chronicles* Short stories
- *The Camelot Spell* by Laura Anne Gilman
- *Arthur the King* by Allan Massie