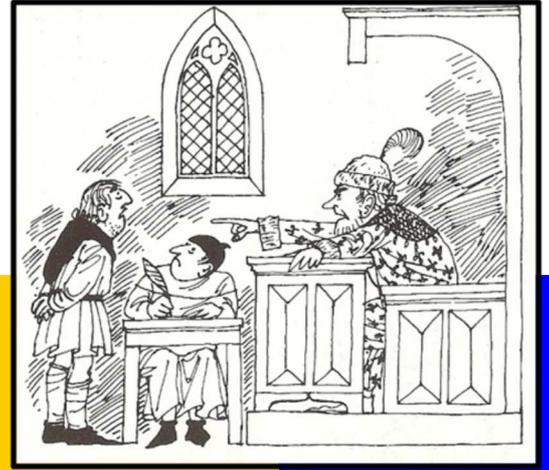


## **The Manor Court.**



### **Activities.**

1. Your cards show the crimes that were punished by the manor court, this was usually a fine.

Using the cards about the manor court match up the pictures with a description and an extract from a Medieval manor court roll—there are not extracts for each wrongdoing.

Your teacher will give you the answers.

2. Draw 4 extra small pictures to show what else was not allowed by the lord of the manor and was punished by a fine.

3. Use the sources to make a list of rules or customs for peasants in a Medieval village.

4. The Reeve reports to the Lord of the Manor and checks the rules of the manor are being obeyed. They can fine villagers for not paying entry fines when building a cottage or for leaving the village. Each day they would check that every peasant was working.

Write a report from a reeve in a medieval village, explain what village customs have been broken and by which villager. Provide detail about what they have been doing during the day, also explain what their attitude is like and how they have worked for the lord.

5. Interview one of the villagers who has broken the customs of the village and decide on a suitable fine for them.

**Sorting Activity:**

**Pages 3-4 show the correct order before they have been cut out, these answers are also shown in the PowerPoint slide.**

**See pages 8-10 for these spaced out for easier cutting out**

A



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B



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C



4. Avoiding work like mending paths.

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D



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E



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F



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G



11. Stealing wild honey from the trees in the wood.

H



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I



12. Taking wood from the hedges for firewood.

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J



2. Leaving the village without the lord's permission.

K



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L



1. Digging up waste land without permission.

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**Extracts from the Manor Court Rolls: pages 5-6. These do not correspond with the pictures.  
These are not numbered.**

Alice Kaa was fined for taking a door, lamps and oil from a waste house.

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2p fine for Adam son of Matilda Thomas for not being in the tything and John son of Thomas Brun for the same.

In Cottisford in Oxfordshire in 1275 Isabella Warin gives the lord 4 shillings to give her daughter Mary in marriage to John Serjeant.

In 1247 the whole village of Little Ogbourne in Wiltshire was fined 6 shillings and 8 pence for not turning up to wash the lord's sheep.

In Wretham in Norfolk Margaret Stephen's daughter had to pay 12p leyerwite for having a child out of wedlock.

20 shillings fine for anyone who does not use the lord's mill for grinding corn.

In the village of Ferryhill the villagers were fined 40 shillings for playing football. There were no rules and this could be very dangerous.

An entry fine was to be paid by any villein who wanted to take over their father's land.

Chevage was to be paid at 6 pence a year by Agnes daughter of Adam ate Yate to live elsewhere.

Richard Rawdon was fined 40 pence at Yeadon in York in 1452 for having a dog who was a "sheep worrier."

John Packard had been fined 13 shillings and 4 pence because his wife Alice had hit Margery, wife of William Wodebite, and "drew blood."

In 1364 Alice de Caustone an alewife was fined for putting pitch at the bottom of her quart measuring jug and reduced the quantity of ale by 25 %.

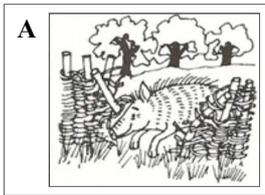
Elias of Streatham in 1247 was fined for ploughing the lord's land badly.

Philip Hogyns was ordered not to go into the area known as the Le Holme to take rushes to place on his floor or roof.

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**Pages 8-10 have the pictures, customs & matching extracts from the Manorial Court Rolls. These are spaced out for easier cutting up.**





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