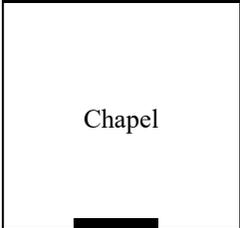


Plan of a Manor House.



Key:

- = doorways
- ||| = staircase
- - - = raised platform for the Lord



A Typical Medieval Manor House.

1. Using your plan of a Medieval manor house add more details to your plan. Use this information to help you:

In the middle of the Great Hall was a large open fire.

The lords table and chairs were on the platform in the Great Hall. This is where he would sit with his family to eat.

There were no carpets but there would be hanging tapestries made out of wool. These would be colourful and have pictures on them. They also kept out the draughts.

The chapel was where church services were held. This would have an altar with a cross on it.

The buttery was where the butts or barrels of wine and ale were stored.

The tower would have two floors. Downstairs it might be an office.

The kitchen would have a big fire to cook over and a long table to prepare food on.

Upstairs in the tower the lord would have a sleeping chamber and a private sitting room called a solar.

Guests and servants would sit on long benches in the Great Hall. They would have long tables.

Food was stored in the pantry, this included bread. The servants ate off plates made out of big slices of food.

Furniture was made out of wood and there was not much of it.

The lord would have an open fire in the solar.

2. Look at your pictures of manor houses and find out how accurate your plan of a Medieval manor house is. Explain what you had missed out or been mistaken about.

3. i) Compare the lord's manor house to a peasant's house—what are the similarities and differences?
ii) What does this suggest about Medieval people's lives?

