

## Belief and Devotion

1. The Role of Religion
2. The Church
3. Monastic Life

### 1. The Role of Religion

- Almost all Western Europeans were devoutly Christian
- believed very strongly in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- This battle was also very \_\_\_\_\_. Every person had to struggle between good and evil throughout their lives
- Everybody took for granted that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How could people avoid this fate?
- sins could be forgiven by participating in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- God was everywhere! People found religious explanations for everything in their lives, whether good or bad

## 2. The Church

- In the Middle Ages, the \_\_\_\_\_ Church was the only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Christians could practice their religion only through the Catholic Church, so the Church became extremely \_\_\_\_\_
- One of the worst things that could happen to a person was to be \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- An excommunicated person could not participate in \_\_\_\_\_
- Churches got their money from a tax on villagers called a \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- some churches became very rich because they owned land or collected tithes from wealthy towns and villages
- some Church leaders even became rich because by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- the Church also supported people in need and performed marriages, burials, etc.

### 3. Monastic Life

- many men and women became \_\_\_\_\_
- monks lived in \_\_\_\_\_ and nuns lived in \_\_\_\_\_
- monks and nuns lived a life of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- they often took vows of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- they were also often separated from the rest of society
- nuns and monks also had to \_\_\_\_\_, including waking up in the middle of the night to pray
- there were few comforts for these monks and nuns
- nevertheless, there was never a shortage of applicants to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

### Homework

Instructions: Answer the following question in complete sentences. Your paragraph should have at least two reasons or arguments to support your answer.

Question: \_\_\_\_\_  
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