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## Journey Through the Middle Ages

### Short Answer Key

1. Knights were skilled warriors who protected their lords and the kingdom during the Middle Ages. Their role included jousting, battles, and defending their strongholds (castles).
2. An illuminated manuscript was a beautifully handcrafted book with intricate illustrations. It was significant in the Middle Ages as a form of art, religious texts, and knowledge preservation.
3. Medieval cathedrals were known for features like towering spires, stained glass windows, and intricate sculptures. They served as places of worship and artistic expression.
4. The feudal system was a social structure where kings granted land to nobles in exchange for loyalty and protection. It shaped society by creating a hierarchical structure with kings, nobles, knights, and peasants.
5. The Middle Ages had three major divisions: Early Middle Ages (5th to 10th century), High Middle Ages (11th to 13th century), and Late Middle Ages (14th to 15th century). Each period had its own characteristics and developments.

