

A Day in a Medieval Village

Week 14 • Tuesday • Life from Sunrise to Sunset

Reading Time

Meet Alice and Tom, two peasant children in a medieval **village**. Their day starts at sunrise. There are no alarm clocks — the rooster wakes everyone up!

Their house is small, with one room, a dirt floor, and a fire for cooking. Father works in the fields, plowing and planting. Mother makes bread, tends the garden, and spins wool into thread. Alice feeds the chickens and Tom helps carry water from the well.

For lunch they eat dark bread, cheese, and vegetable soup called **pottage**. There is no school for most village children — they learn by helping. But after chores, there is still time to play tag and ball games before the sun goes down!

Reading Questions

1. What woke the village up in the morning?

2. What was the peasant house like?

3. What is pottage?

4. How did village children learn if they did not go to school?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

village

pottage

well

plow

chores

wool

Then or Now?

Write T if it happened THEN (Middle Ages) or N if it happens NOW.

Sentence	T or N?
A rooster wakes the family up.	
Kids ride a bus to school.	
Water comes from a well.	
Dinner is cooked over an open fire.	
Water comes from a faucet.	
Kids play tag after chores.	

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Peasant houses had many big rooms.
- ☐ Children helped with chores every day.
- ☐ Pottage was a vegetable soup.
- ☐ Most village children went to school.
- ☐ Mothers spun wool into thread.
- ☐ Medieval children still found time to play.

Draw Village Life

Draw the medieval village: a small house, the fields, the well, and children doing chores or playing.



Fill in the Blanks

rooster pottage well fields chores fire

1. The _____ woke the village at sunrise.
2. Father plowed and planted in the _____.
3. Tom carried water from the _____.
4. The family ate soup called _____.
5. Food was cooked over an open _____.
6. Children did _____ before they could play.

Think About It

1. Compare your morning to Alice and Tom's morning. What is the same? What is different?

2. Which chore would be hardest for you? Why?

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What a peasant house was like	YES / NOT YET
What medieval families ate	YES / NOT YET
How medieval children lived	YES / NOT YET