

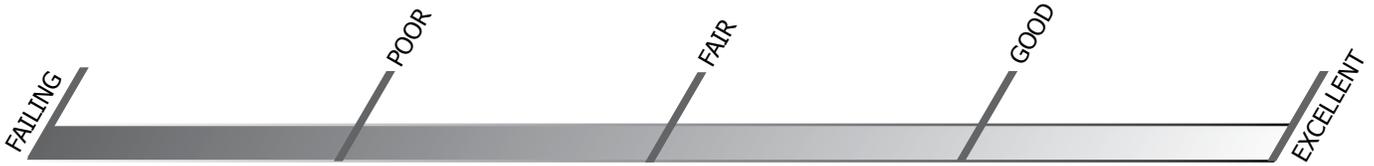
**ORAL QUIZ ON TRADE IN THE MIDDLE AGES**

The points and level of detail given below are those that an upper-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

**Trade in the Middle Ages**

1. Name a reason trade increased in the Middle Ages.  
*As new trade routes to other parts of eastern and western Europe were discovered and people had a growing awareness of a bigger world beyond their own, towns slowly became busy centers for culture and trade.*
2. What were guilds, and what was their purpose?  
*Guilds were organizations composed of craftsmen who had the same occupation. The purpose of each guild was to ensure that only well-made goods were being sold in order to maintain a reputation and standard of quality.*
3. How did guilds benefit a craftsman?  
*Guilds offered apprenticeships, in which a person was trained by a master craftsman and had to meet a specific standard for his craft before he could begin practicing it on his own. Since only members of a guild could buy and trade from each other, this prevented unskilled workers from participating.*
4. Name one way the increasing number of people who became merchants or tradesmen weakened the feudal system.  
*Feudalism depended on an economy based on farming. Since serfs were becoming traders or merchants and no longer working on manors, the manor system that supported feudalism was severely weakened. This, along with other factors such as a decreased population from the Black Death and the rise of nation-states, weakened the feudal system. Eventually it would cease altogether.*

1. NAME A REASON TRADE INCREASED IN THE MIDDLE AGES.



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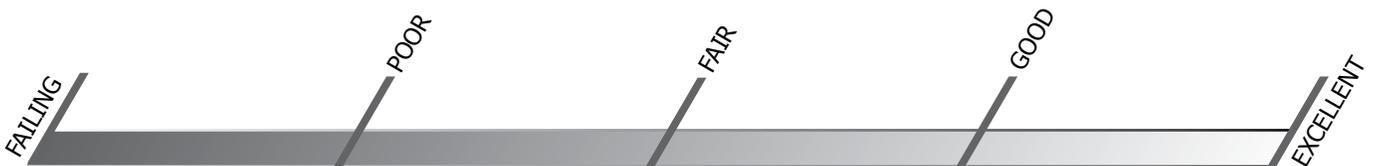
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2. WHAT WERE GUILDS, AND WHAT WAS THEIR PURPOSE?



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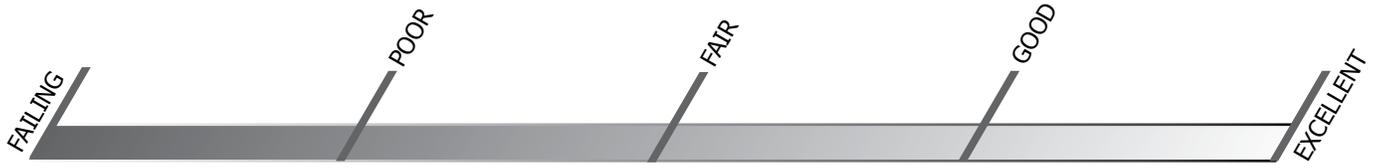
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3. HOW DID GUILDS BENEFIT CRAFTSMEN?



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4. NAME A WAY THE INCREASE IN TRADERS AND MERCHANTS WEAKENED FEUDALISM.



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