World History Name:

Mr. Murray Date:

Time Traveler’s Guide to the Middle Ages Block:

The year is 2055 and the newest fad for the wealthy in the United States is to travel back in time using the Elon Musk created Tesla 1984 Time Machine. The Tesla 1984 can transport a person back to any period after the year 407CE. The first tests on the time machine were performed by Ivy League historians and were successful. All test subjects came back to the present day alive and intact. After these tests were completed the Attorney General and the Surgeon General approved the Tesla 1984 for manufacture and sale to the general public. It has been six months since that approval and so far five people have not come back from their time travels and one came back with his ribcage cut open and his lungs exposed. The Tesla Corporation will stop at nothing to keep these “issues” quiet and needs your help. There is a fear that general lack of historical knowledge of the time period is the causes for the “issues” being seen. The solution that they see is to create a time travelers’ guide to each era and location that people are traveling back to. Your job is to create the guide for time travelers going to Europe or the Middle East and North Africa around the year 1187CE. The main goal of this book is the give the time traveler enough information about the time period to survive as well as information about how to have a good time while traveling. Below there are some ideas about what you should include. The Tesla Corporations new CEO, Mr. Murray will be choosing the guide that will be published and given to all that purchase the Tesla 1984. The group that achieves this published status will be rewarded handsomely. This assignment is time sensitive and highly classified. Drafts of your groups’ guides will be due to the Tesla CEO no later than February 19th. **Audi doctrinam si vis vitare ruinam (Be attentive to teaching if you wish to avoid disaster.**

\*\*\*Your group needs to choose the feudal class that your subject will be traveling as (Knight, Noble, Serf). The guidebook needs to cater to the time traveler traveling in this feudal role.

\*\*\*Since there is no electricity in the Middle Ages this book must be in hard copy, easily carried and bound.

Items that you need to address for the time traveller:

1. What to wear? *What would be proper dress for a woman and a man during the time period if they are traveling as a serf, vassal or noble. It might be an issue if your time traveler shows up to the Middle Ages wearing a Broncos Super Bowl 90 T-shirt and a pair of Jordans.*
2. What would they be expected to eat? *What types of food would be available for the feudal class that you choose for them.*
3. Where to stay? *Hypothetically come up with the types of accommodation that would be expected for the different classes of people. Make sure you let the time travelers know how to pay for the services rendered.*
4. Places of interest.  *Include at least five places of interest for the traveller. These might be battle locations, churches, castles, locations of significant events. Each of these areas of interest need to be accompanied by a paragraph description of why what you chose was significant.*
5. Customs? *This section is very important. Make sure your traveller knows the customs of the time period as to not offended the people. The lack of knowledge of this section might be the main reason for the recent “issues” with the Tesla 1984.*
6. Health and Hygiene.  *What should the traveller do if conflicted with an illness? What medical treatments would be used? What are they to expect when it come to others hygiene and the hygiene for themselves?*
7. The Law. *The traveller needs to know the law. What may be alright in 2055 may be an egregious act during the Middle Ages and visa versa. Make sure they know the basics to keep out of trouble and a heads up on the punishments if they do find trouble.*
8. Souvenirs. *What should the time traveler bring back from the time period and why?*
9. Lots and lots of visuals!!! *People in 2055 don’t like to read any more than you guys do today.*
10. Miscellaneous. *Anything else that might be of useful knowledge to the time traveler.*

\*\*\***Sources Need to be Sited in MLA Format. You need to have used at least 2 web sources and 1 print source.**

Websites

<http://www.medieval-life-and-times.info/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/middle_ages/>

<http://www.medieval-life.net/>

<http://www.internationalschooltoulouse.net/vs/pilgrims/journey.htm>

Groups and grading: You will be able to choose your own groups of 3-4 people. Each group will need to elect a project leader. This leader is in charge of making sure the project is going to be completed on time. Beyond the grade that your receive for the guidebook itself, you will get a participation grade from Mr. Murray and be assessed by the rest of your group. The grade for the guidebook will be based on the rubric provided.