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# Into Battle

Imagine the horrors of a bloody battlefield. Hundreds of soldiers are fighting.

Swords clash against swords. Deadly maces and battle-axes smash into armor. Horses snort and kick at the soldiers. Dying men are trampled beneath the horses' hooves. This was the world of the **Medieval** knight.





Knights were highly trained fighting men. They rode into battle on powerful warhorses. The horrors of the battlefield did not frighten these brave warriors.





# The World of the Knight

Knights lived in England, France, and other countries in Europe. They fought in wars during the Medieval period.

The Medieval period was a very violent time. Powerful leaders, such as kings and princes, often invaded other countries. They went to war to win land and power.



This photo shows part of an embroidered artwork called the Bayeux Tapestry. The tapestry is nearly 1,000 years old. The picture shows the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The battle was between knights from England and France.



A knight fought for a king, prince, or lord. In return, he was given rewards such as farmland or a castle. There were warrior knights in Europe for around 500 years, from AD 1000 until the 1500s.

Over the centuries, knights became an important group of people. They weren't just soldiers. They were also wealthy members of the upper class, or **aristocracy**.



This painting shows the Battle of Nájera in 1367. English and French armies fought this battle in Spain. The painting shows knights on horseback and large numbers of foot soldiers.

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# The Life of a **MEDIEVAL KNIGHT**

In Medieval times, brave, skillful warriors faced each other on the battlefield. They fought with lances, swords, and battle-axes. They wore shining armor and rode powerful warhorses. Each man fought for his king and was not afraid to die in battle. These fearsome warriors were knights—the fighting men of the Medieval age.

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