

ADVICE ON THE COMMON TASK:

Now you have had ago at your first common task here is some advice you should revise for the next test.

Question One

What is it asking?:

This will ask you a question about one source e.g. what does source A tell you about what Medieval people believed about heaven and hell.

What do you have to do?:

You have to find three things in the source that you think tell you about Medieval beliefs. Remember if the sources don't tell you anything about heaven then you have to show you have noticed that.

Question Two

What is it asking?:

This will ask you a question about two sources e.g. How far do sources B and C agree on how important religion was to Medieval people?

What do you have to do?:

You have to find start by deciding whether B and C have things in common or whether they are completely different. You may have a situation whether they partly agree on a point but also have things that are different. It is perfectly fine for you to say it partly agrees and partly disagrees.

How to write it

1. Stated what they agree or disagree on.
2. Provide a short quote to prove it
3. Explain how they agree to disagree

Then if you have another one do the first three points again.

Question Three



What is it asking?:

This will ask you a question about three sources e.g. Which do you think is the most reliable or trustworthy sources for finding out about Medieval people's views of the church.

Reliable means: **worthy of reliance or trust**

What do you have to do?:

Start by thinking about the question, this will be asking you to test the three sources against something specific e.g. views of the church. Therefore if you have a source written by the church (priest/pope) this won't be very reliable.

Now look at the others and think about the following questions:

- Who wrote it
- Why did they write it e.g. what was their motive in writing it.
- How much would they know about it. – remember if its by a modern historian that doesn't necessarily make it less reliable as they would have access to thousands of documents focus instead on what they actually say and how much that helps answer the question
- A visual image – what was it designed to do e.g. if it was created for the church that would mean it would give the churches message.

How to write it

1. Stated which source you think the most reliable and explain why you think
2. Then state what is wrong or weak with the other two.
3. It maybe that you think two are reliable or taken together support the question.

Question Four

What is it asking?:

This will be a statement, which you then have to test the knowledge you have from your revision to decide if it is true or not. E.g. "Medieval people obeyed the church because they were wanted to go to heaven" how far do you agree with this statement?

What do you have to do?:



You have to find decide from what you have revised whether this is what Medieval people believed or not. You should then look at the sources and see if any of them help you answer the question.

How to write it

To get up to 5/9 you should

Provide evidence from your revision to either agree or disagree with the statement and give very specific information e.g. facts, knowledge, names. You should then use one or more of the sources to support your knowledge and help you prove your point

To get 6+

This is more difficult but you need to show how you could agree and disagree with the statement e.g. both sides of the arguement

Yes – show how Medieval people obeyed the church and what they believed about heaven

No – many people obeyed the church more because they were terrified of going to hell.

You do the same as above you provide knowledge and evidence from the sources to support both arguments.