

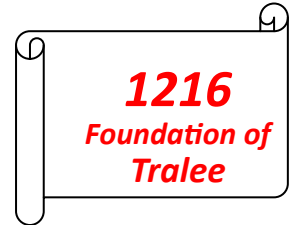
Medieval Experience



Let's travel back in time! Our story starts in 1216 when an Anglo-Norman knight called John FitzThomas FitzGerald founded the town of Tralee...

1 Tralee was founded in the year 1216. How old is Tralee today? [Tick the correct answer]

- About 80 years old
 About 800 years old
 About 8000 years old

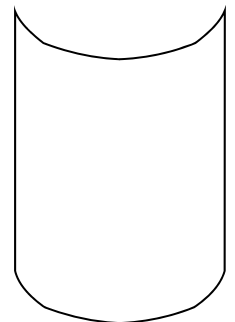


2 Our exhibition shows Tralee in **1450 AD** when Tralee was an important trading place. How did people travel back then?

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

3 Can you see the **FitzGerald's** coat of arms [family symbol] above the gate? Copy the design. What colours are in it?

W _____ &
 R _____



4 Look at the two men outside the town gate. Thinking caps on: Why do you think they have been sleeping outside the town wall?

5 Walk through the gate and look at the gate keeper. Thinking caps on: Why did medieval towns have a town wall and a gate keeper?

6 Can you write down 3 animals that you see in the butcher's shop?



1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

7 Meat was very expensive. What was the staple food for poor people? [Unscramble the words to find the answer]

BEDAR _____

CREALSE _____



8 Compare the medieval street and houses with modern ones. Can you write down 3 differences?

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____



9 The annual rent per house was 1 shilling per year and the total rent paid to the FitzGerald was 100 shillings. Thinking caps on:

1. How many houses stood in medieval Tralee?
 2. If 6-8 people lived in one house what was the population of medieval Tralee?

10 Can you see the shoemaker? Shoes were very expensive! Which of the following people could afford shoes?

- Most children
- Beggars
- The merchant and his family



11 Our merchant is selling exotic goods. Can you unscramble the different spices below?

- REPPEP** -
- COVELS** -
- METNUG** -
- COMINNAN** -

12 Watch out above! The servant is emptying a bucket out of the window. *YUCK!* Why did people throw their waste onto the street into the open sewer?

13 Imagine dirty, smelly streets, fleas and rats everywhere! People often suffered from disease and malnutrition. How old did people become on average, do you think?



- 30-40**
- 70-80**

14 The market cross was a social meeting place where people sold and bought goods. They also came to listen to the *TOWN CRIER*. Thinking caps on: What was his job?

15 Public punishments often took place at the market cross. What were common punishments in medieval Tralee? [*Hint: Look at the wall panel next to the beggar*]

16 Look for the Inn [word for a medieval pub]

What are people drinking from?

What instrument is being played?



17 At the port: Unscramble the words below to find out which countries Tralee traded with:

- GLANLEND** -
- FANCER** -
- SIPAN** -

18 Peep inside the kitchen. Name 3 things from your kitchen at home that weren't invented then:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

19 Tralee had a Dominican monastery. Why were the monks also known as 'Black Friars'? [*Look at the monk's clothes...*]



20 Tralee was completely burnt down and destroyed during the **1580s**. What's left of medieval Tralee today?

- The great FitzGerald castle
- Some of the old timber houses
- A few stones are all that remains...

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

1. When was Tralee founded?
2. Which family ruled the town throughout the Middle Ages?
3. How many people lived in Tralee?

Congratulations! You are now medieval experts!