

Medieval Podcast! Grade 4

Pre-production

This project takes place at the culmination of the Grade Four Social Studies Unit on Medieval Times. For the successful integration of Media Literacy and Social Studies then the students must also take a close look examples of at the media form they are about to produce.

Student Planning

Students listen to radio newscasts and watch nightly TV newscasts noting the different sections and their relative order. As well, examples of other student podcasts are sampled. Next, students, in groups of 4-6 begin to script their medieval newscasts paying close attention the addition of Medieval terms and practices. Different sections of a typical newscast are assigned to different members of the group.

Production

Students then take turns in pairs recording themselves using either Garageband or Audacity. One student acts as the sound engineer while their partner is recorded. After all the students are recorded, the newscast is edited and sound is added.

Example:



Presentation

The newscast can be published and made available to the students, or to a wider audience either by being available on the computer, burning a CD or posted on the web.

Reflection

Possible reflection Questions include:

How did listening or watching newscasts help you to produce your newscast?

What are some things you did to help you get ready for recording?

What would you do next time to improve your written work or recording?

What was the best part of making the recording?