

★ A Quicklook at "Medieval Realms: Then and Now"

The aim is to introduce the differences between people's lives then and now. The class is divided into six groups of five, and each group have twelve cards to put into "then and now" pairs. There is some overlap of information on the cards for each group. The activity is for each group to pair as many cards as they can from existing knowledge, and feed back their results in turn in a plenary.

Medieval Realms: Then and Now Card Set 1

John sits on a wooden plank that is over a little stream. He then has to wipe his bottom with moss.	Alison rubs goose fat all over her body. She leaves it there for the winter.	John looks for honeycombs to dip his fingers in. He also likes to nibble parsnips and carrots.	The alchemist gave Alison some leaves of feverfew to chew.
John sits on a ceramic bowl in a little room. He then has to wipe his bottom with soft tissue paper.	Alison has central heating in her house. The thermostat keeps the temperature the same.	John likes to go to the corner shop to spend his pocket money on pick and mix.	Alison's mum gave her a soluble aspirin because she hates swallowing tablets.
Alison's mum decided that she needed a new skirt, so she began to spin the wool she had collected earlier.	John took ten minutes to catch a carp, even though he had a big net and the pond was only ten feet round.	Alison was told to get a rabbit for supper. So she took her ferret to the warren, caught one and killed it.	John fell asleep when he should have been scaring birds away. He was tied to a post and whipped.
Alison nagged her mum for the money to buy some new designer jeans	John bought two packets of fish fingers and some prawns from the freezer in the supermarket.	Alison's mum got some lamb chops out of the freezer for a barbeque.	John was caught on camera taking a chocolate bar. A policeman came to his house to give him a formal warning in front of his parents.

Medieval Realms: Then and Now Card Set 3

Alison looked at the sundial to see if it was time to cook dinner.	John blew up a pig's bladder to kick around with his friends.	At harvest time John renews the straw in his bed.	Alison spent eight hours weaving a new cloth.
Alison glanced at her watch to see if it was time to start off for the cinema.	John took his new football to play with his mates in the match on Saturday.	Every Monday John's mum changes the sheets on his bed.	Alison went to school every day and did all her homework so she could get her GCSEs.
John gets up about an hour before sunrise in the summer and works for two hours weeding before eating some pottage.	Alison walks through the forest for two hours to visit her grandmother in the next village.	Alison broke her leg climbing for firewood. Now her leg is bent and she walks much more slowly.	John stayed in bed on Sunday and missed church. Now his father has to do a day's work for the priest.
John gets up at 7.30 and eats a bowl of cornflakes and a boiled egg before cycling to school.	Alison flies in a plane for six hours to visit her grandmother in India.	Alison broke her wrist playing football, and after six weeks in plaster it is as strong as it was before.	John overslept on Sunday and missed his favourite TV programme.

