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Complete the text about the Visigoths using the words from the box. There are two extra words.

Muslims • tribe • peasants • Christianity • capital • Roman • councils • nobles • settle • Latin

The Visigoths were a ______ from the north of Europe. In the 5th century, the Visigoths started to ______ in Hispania.

The Visigoth society consisted of a king, ______ and peasants. The nobles were wealthy families, often related to the king, who owned land and had power. The majority of the population were ______ who worked on the nobles' land for food and a place to live.

To unite the country, the Visigoths adopted some of the ______ ways of life. They learnt Latin, converted to ______ and followed Roman laws. They kept their own customs too. The king and the important members of the Visigoth tribe held ______ to discuss any problems in the

kingdom.

Toledo became the ______ of the Visigoth kingdom. The Visigoths controlled Spain for more than two hundred years.



Match the dates to the events described. Then, complete the timeline.



3 Look at the picture of an Al-Ándalus city. Complete the sentences and label the picture.

- a The cities were surrounded by a ______ for protection.
- Deple practised their religion in the ______.
- C People bought and sold products in the ______.
- d The royal palace was called the _____
- The ______ was where the craftspeople lived.
- ① The fort was also called _____



Look at the pictures and complete the information about the legacy of Al-Ándalus.





compass

rice



astrolabe







Arabic numerals

water wheel

paper

The people of Al-Andalus introduced ...

- a ______ which was used to irrigate crops. **b** ______ which was used to make books. co______ which was used to navigate.
- d _________ which was a new crop for Spain.

number zero.

e ______ which included the important

 _____ which became important in later voyages of discovery.

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5 Read the text about the Reconquista. Write the c the sentences into chronological order.	lates and put
The Catholic Monarchs defeated the Muslims in Granada.	O The Muslim army defeated the Visigoths at the Battle of Guadalete.
 Isabel I of Castilla and Fernando II of Aragón married. On Pelayo defeated the Muslim army at the 	The Christian armies defeated the Muslim army at the Battle of Las Navas de Tolosa.
Battle of Covadonga.	1 Alfonso VI conquered Toledo.

6 Read the text about Boabdil, the last ruler of Muslim Spain and complete the sentences about his life.

Boabdil was born in the Alhambra Palace in Granada in 1460. His nickname was *el Rey Chico*, not because he was small but because his kingdom was getting smaller and smaller as the Christian armies conquered more Muslim territories. Boabdil came to the throne in 1482. Although he was already at war with his own uncle and father, he decided to invade Castilla as well. In 1483, Boabdil was captured and imprisoned in the castle of Lucena. Three years later, in exchange for his liberty, Boabdil agreed to his kingdom paying taxes to the Catholic Monarchs. There were many wars during the next six years and finally the Christian forces placed Granada under siege. The city fell on 2 January 1492. Boabdil was expelled from the city and he

and his family and court went to the Alpujarras to live in exile; however, he stayed there for less than a year. Boabdil travelled to Fez in Morocco, where he died in 1527. His followers remained in the Alpujarras until they were expelled in 1570.



a In 1460
b In 1482
o In 1483
0 In 1486
9 On 2 January 1492
🖸 In 1527
g In 1570



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	Project	W	Or

Imagine you live in the Middle Ages. Choose one period and think of the various aspects of life. Complete the table. Use the Internet to find the necessary information.

	period:
1. What social or religious group do you belong to?	
2. What does the city where you live look like?	
3. What styles of architecture can you see in your city?	
4. What does your house look like?	
5. What type of food do you eat?	
6. What clothes do you wear?	
7. How do you spend your free time?	

Write about what your life looks like. Use the information from Activity 10.

I live in _____

Compare your text with your classmate. Did you choose the same period?

Skills check

13 Read the text about castles and match the headings to the correct paragraphs. There are two extra headings.

Hunting • Knights • Tournaments • Castle life • Function of a castle • Entertainment • Food

Life in a castle wasn't very comfortable. The rooms were dark and the tapestries on the walls and the straw-covered floors didn't do much to keep the occupants warm. The nobles that lived there often shared the same bedroom, which was a problem because they didn't wash very often!

In times of peace, the nobles often organised banquets. The guests ate many different types of food and there was plenty of meat, fish and exotic dishes such as swan. Musicians, acrobats and jesters entertained the guests. Sometimes a travelling singer called a troubadour came to the castle to sing and share news from other regions.

The knights had to practise fighting and often had competitions, which they called tournaments. A popular event was jousting. Two knights tried to push each other off their horses using a long, heavy pole called a lance.

The nobles often went hunting. They used a bow and arrow to hunt deer and wild pigs in the forests. They also used trained birds of prey to hunt smaller animals. The ladies of the court also practised this sport.

The castle served as a home for the nobles and their families as well as the centre of local power. It was a court of law and also a prison.

If Fill in the gaps to complete the letter.

Dear Lucy,

I'm standing _____ the top of the castle battlements. I can _____ the sea and the mountains from here. It a beautiful place. I came here two days with my class. _____ are many interesting places to visit. Yesterday we went a medieval walled town and walked the walls. I took lots _____ photos. Tomorrow, we are _____ to the beach for the day. The weather is perfect. It's sunny _____ not too hot. See you _____ Monday. Love, Jill



GLOSSARY

English	Your language	English	Your language
UNIT 1 Medieval Spain		UNIT 2 Spain: 15th and 16th centuries	
Arabic numerals (n)		alliance (n)	
		caravel (n)	
caliph (n)		city-state (n)	
clergy (n)		expel (v)	
conquer (v)		expulsion (n)	
convert (v)		governor (n)	
defeat (v)		impose (v)	
dome (n)		inherit (v)	
feudalism (n)		leather (n)	
guild (n)		mainland (n)	
horseshoe arch (n)		passage (n)	
		privilege (n)	
invade (v)		punish (v)	
irrigation (n)		ransom (n)	
kingdom (n)		reign (n)	
knight (n)		reinforce (v)	
megalith (n)		Renaissance (n)	
merchant (n)		scholar (n)	
peasant (n)		silver (n)	
pilgrimage (n)		spice (n)	
proclaim (v)		sponsor (v)	
serf (n)		voyage (n)	
settle (v)		weaken (v)	

English	Your language	English	Your language
UNIT 3 Spain: 17th and 18th centuries		UNIT 4 Population	
Baroque (n)		abandon (n)	
bishop (n)		birth (n)	
decline (n)		census (n)	
dependence (n)		death (n)	
Enlightenment (n)		decrease (v)	
famine (n)		demography (n)	
hierarchical (adj)		die (v)	
hygienic (adj)		emigration (n)	
independence (n)		factory (n)	
lawyer (n)		immigration (n)	
martyr (n)		inhabitant (n)	
misery (n)		natural increase (n)	
modernise (v)			
monarch (n)		overcrowded (adj)	
plague (n)		populated (adj)	
portray (v)		density (n)	
printing press (n)		pyramid (n)	
privileged (adj)		poverty (n)	
sewage (n)		rural exodus (n)	
splendour (n)		statistics (n)	
style (n)		supply (n)	
unprivileged (adj)		unemployment (n)	
wealth (n)		urban (adj)	

GLOSSARYEnglishYour languageUNIT 5 EconomyUNIT 6 Business and money

active population (n)	bank (n)
	banknote (n)
capital (n)	bartering (n)
consumer (n)	borrower (n)
crafts (n)	business (n)
domestic trade (n)	coin (n)
	contract (v)
energy industry (n)	cost (n)
fishing (n)	currency (n)
food industry (n)	development (n)
foreign trade (n)	entrepreneur (v)
goods (n)	exchange (v)
harvest (n)	expense (n)
livestock farming (n)	income (n)
	insurance (n)
manufacture (n)	loan (n)
mining (n)	loss (n)
primary (adj)	microcredit (n)
provide (v)	money (n)
raw material (n)	ongoing cost (n)
retail (n)	salary (n)
secondary (adj)	staff (n)
service (n)	value (n)
tertiary (adj)	variable (adj)

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