**The Middle Ages – Postcard Assignment**

**World History**

**Due Date:**

**Situation:**

You have created a time machine and have the ability to live in various times and places. However, you can only travel within the time period from 476 – 1492 AD. Since you have this ability, you like to travel around the world quite a bit. Everywhere you go, you like to send your family and friends a postcard. This way you can keep track of your adventures over the centuries. In fact, your relatives collect your postcards in one safely tied bundle for future generations to look at.

Over the next week, you will travel through the Middle Ages and make **5** small stops. Your choices should be diverse (visit all three regions). Your five postcards will have beautiful pictures on the front of them, which illustrate the scene you are describing in your postcard. On the back, you will correspond with a friend or family member. In great detail, you will discuss what you have seen or experienced. When you have completed your five postcards, you will bind them in some way (making a hole in the upper left hand corner and tying it with string is best). You will then deliver them to me to read.

**Each of your postcards must meet the following specifications:**

* Size 5 x 8 index card
* A drawing, photo or picture on the front
* Significant, accurate and well-written information about people, places or topics being covered.
* It must be bound in some way (stapling the index cards is NOT an acceptable binding!)
* BE CREATIVE!

**The five postcards must come from the topics presented in chapters 10 (Africa), 11 (Asia), and 12-14 (Europe), in our text. Below are some suggested ideas. However, you are not limited to these.**

* Write a letter about your daily life on a feudal manor as a noblewoman, peasant, or shogun
* You have embarked on a crusade to the Holy Land. Write a letter home describing your travels and experiences.You are a Pilgrim going to Mecca or Canterbury.
* Talk about your training as a knight or samurai.
* Discuss your feelings on Joan of Arc from the perspective of a British or French subject.
* Your actions in courting a significant other under the rules of courtly love.
* The effect of the Black Plague on your life.
* Discuss your life as an artisan and talk about what it’s like to be a guild member. Remember, Europe respects but Japan does not. Be a salt retailer in Mali.
* Talk about the glories of a medieval city: Timbuktu, Paris, Jerusalem, etc.