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## The Middle Ages

Coordinator: Mike Cribbs

Six Mondays  
 September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20  
 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
 Valle Verde Theater

This seminar is structured in response to VISTAS members' requests. The emphasis of the course will be on two aspects of the era, everyday life and the underlying factors that shaped the Age.

Our presenters are three professors, a lawyer, the owner of a computer software firm, and a financial consultant. They will give a subjective insight into the underlying trends and developments that molded the Middle Ages. Each will discuss a topic that either they have studied in their professional lives or in which they have a particular interest.

We will have two classes on everyday life. First, a visual presentation of Denmark at the time of the Plague. Second, contributions by class members on the way people lived in the Middle Ages. There will be ample time for class discussion and input on these subjects or on different topics that are of group interest.

Our text supplies the dates, events, and people who were significant over this thousand-year period. We strongly recommend that participants do the reading before the program begins.



### ENROLLMENT FORM: *THE MIDDLE AGES*

VISTAS Members \$50/per person — Non-members \$75.00 per person  
 Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Deadline for registration: September 1, 2008

If you are interested in ride-sharing, please circle here



## WEEKLY DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- September 15 **Mike Cribbs:** Viewing Bergman's *Seventh Seal* as an introduction to life in the Middle Ages
- September 22 **Howard Clarke:** Paganism to Christianity and early church architecture
- September 29: **George Frakes:** Manorialism and Feudalism as mechanisms for social organization
- Don O'Dowd:** Climate change and its impact on Europe's development
- October 6: **Dan O'Dowd:** Monetary and economic conditions around the Mediterranean
- October 13: **Peter Kruse:** Chaucer's *The Wife of Bath*, highlighting the Middle Ages and the perception of women, giving us an opportunity to reflect upon our own attitudes.
- October 20: **Mike Cribbs:** Class presentations on daily life in the Middle Ages



## REQUIRED READING:

C. Warren Hollister, Judith M. Bennett, *Medieval Europe- A Short History*, 9th Edition, 2001, 385 pages. Available on Amazon.com.

### VISTAS Fall 2008 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Fall Social & Barbecue	Sunday, September 7	1:00 PM	Stow Canyon Park
California Initiative	Weds., Sept 10, 17, 24	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Room
Peace Corps-- Then and Now	Mons. Oct. 27, Nov 3, 10	1:30-4:30 PM	Valle Verde Social Room



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