



## Critical Thinking Activity – Social Role Grade 5 Subject: Social Studies/English

### Topic/Issue:

**Which medieval role would have had the best quality of life?** (unpack quality - education, health care, free time)

### Type of Challenge:

- Decode the puzzle
- Rework the piece
- Judge the better or the best

### State Challenge:

- Pre - Rank your choices from most desirable to least desirable (females and males in each role – king, lord, lady, knight, squire, lady-in-waiting, men at arms, bishops, clergy, male peasant, female peasant, serf, craftsmen)
- Jigsaw with what life is like for each – pick name out of hat to ensure all covered
- Review rankings – U-shaped discussion reflections
- Create an author journal (podcast) from lower and higher perspective

### Criteria:

#### Issue

- education
- food available
- shelter
- health care
- free time

#### Product

- evidence of point of view
- strong, relevant voice

### Background Knowledge

- life for each level of medieval society
- how to podcast
- content
- attitudes of each group
- format of opinion paper

### Teaching Strategies

- 5 W's
- Organizer for class information
- Think/Pair/Share
- Jigsaw

### Vocabulary

- perspective
- point of view
- voice

### Habits of Mind

- open-minded