

Medieval Craftsmen Keywords

Craftspeople

Guild

Trade

Apprentice

Journeyman

Master

Merchant

The most important people in a medieval town were the craftspeople. They were the ones who made things that people needed like shoemakers, carpenters and weavers.

Every craftsman belonged to a guild. The guild

- * Set Examinations
- * Regulated wages
- * Ensured a high standard of goods.

To become a craftsman you had to go through three stages

1. An apprentice: at 12 you went to a master craftsman home to learn the trade for 7 years.
2. A journeyman: You were now paid for your work and travelled from town to town looking for work
3. A Master craftsman: To become one you had to make a masterpiece and pay the guild.