

Medieval Towns



Keywords

- Town Walls
 - Toll
 - Gate
 - High street
 - Church
 - Gothic
 - Market Square
 - Curfew
 - Mayor
- Dirty
 - Smelly
 - Rubbish
 - Drain
 - Black Death
 - Fair
 - Charter
 - Council
 - Corporation

- Wars were common so towns protected themselves with high walls
- Gates were guarded and if you wanted to sell anything you had to pay a tax
- The main street was called the High Street
- Churches were built in the gothic style





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- Market square was where peasants came once a week to sell fruit and vegetables
- Curfew is french for cover the fire. It was when you had to put the fire out.

- Towns were dirty. An open drain ran down the middle of the street where people threw the contents of their chamber pots
- The Black Death was a plague that was carried by the black rat.

- The fair was held once a year and took place on the fairgreen. Merchants sold hard to get products and there was entertainments from jugglers to bears

Charter from the king

- The king allowed a town to run its own affairs in return for a tax.
- They could elect a council or corporation to run their town.