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Life in Medieval Europe DBQ

Topic 1: Safety & Security

1. Document A: Who was this directed toward? What was it asking them to do?
2. Document B: Who benefited the most in this hierarchy?
3. Document B: What three benefits did serfs get from the feudal system?
4. Document B: What two groups provided military service?
5. Document C: What happened when the Northmen invaded various towns in Europe?
6. Based on these documents, would peasants have likely felt safe or insecure? Explain.

Topic 2: The Church

1. Document D: Who had more power: local politicians or the church?
2. Document D: Describe three ways the Roman Catholic Church influences all Europeans’ lives.
3. Document D: What are two ways the church was able to become very powerful?
4. Document D: Describe the role of the church in Medieval Europe.

Topic 3: Daily Life

1. Document E: Describe the hardships of peasant life.
2. Document F: In what year was the Piers Plowman Poem written?
3. Document F: According to the poem, what are two difficulties the peasants suffered?

1. Document F: How did the peasants earn their money and pay for clothing?

Topic 4: Health

1. Document G: Why did physicians wear the bird-like beak while treating the bubonic plague?
2. Document H: What are two differences in how doctors treated people in the Medieval Era compared to modern days?
3. Document H: What are two similarities in how doctors treated people in the Medieval Era compared to modern days?

Using evidence from the documents, write a paragraph that answers the following prompt: Describe daily life for peasants in the Medieval Era. Be sure to include information from each topic in your response.

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