

## Highly-Structured Essay – Knights & Armor

1. Leave three blank spaces at the beginning of this essay – you will use it to write a general statement answering how Medieval Era Europe changed as a result of knights AFTER you answer questions 3-16.
2. Skip another three lines – here, you will add the 5W's about knights using your research materials AFTER you answer questions 3-16.
3. How many years did the age of the knights last?
4. When did the medieval knight first appear?
5. Using your notes and the TCI worksheet, discuss The Battle of Hastings, including:
  - a. Why was the Battle of Hastings important for knights?
  - b. Which leaders were involved?
  - c. Which side utilized knights?
  - d. How were these knights dressed, as compared to soldiers on the other side?
  - e. How did their presence affect the outcome of the battle?
6. In two sentences, explain how armor changed in the centuries after The Battle of Hastings.
7. This next section will discuss the parts of a knight's armor. Start by creating a new paragraph and writing one sentence about why it was so important to them during battle.
8. What served as the basis of a knights' armor?
9. Write at least two sentences about how the armor was constructed.
10. Why were efforts undertaken to protect knights during trainings during 13<sup>th</sup> Century?
11. In two sentences, give two safety measures that were introduced to make jousting safer.
12. Use the web resource and the resource below to start a new 5-sentence paragraph explaining one way a boy became a knight.
13. Use the video and web resource below to write a 4-5 sentence response about tournaments, including:
  - a. What role did knights play at tournaments?
  - b. Why was chivalry so rigorously practiced at tournaments?
  - c. How did the event of jousting fit into tournaments?
  - d. Who were 'fair damsels'?
14. "Along with defensive items like his \_\_\_\_\_ and shield, the knight carried several \_\_\_\_\_ weapons."
15. Using our discussion on weapons, highlight any three that a knight used, including its name, how it was used, and 1 advantage/disadvantage it had over other weapons. This section will take at least 8 sentences.
16. Near the end of the knight's power, why did their armor become highly decorated?
17. What invention ended the power of the knights?
18. Using the information you've already written, write an opening statement to question #1 – place that opening statement in that space.
19. Complete a 5W's discussion of knights & armor using your notes – place those sentences under question #2.
20. Write a concluding sentence or sentences summarizing the effect knights would eventually have on Europe – answer the Essential Question featured at the top of instructions page. Make sure you have used all required words from the directions.
21. Create a bibliography for 'Knights & Armor.'