**ANSWERS**

**Lesson 1 A medieval monk’s life**

1. **Some men might have become monks in the medieval times because:**

* People were very religious at the time and they might have thought becoming a monk would please God and guarantee them a space in heaven.
* To make their families, and themselves proud.
* The monasteries were very peaceful and quiet places (source B).
* All the monks are very friendly and not selfish (source B).
* They got the opportunity of an education and learned to read and write and completed other important jobs, such as writing manuscripts.
* Life for medieval peasants was very hard and boring. This was an attractive alternative.

2a. The monks went for prayers at 3am, 7am, 12 noon, 8pm. They went to bed at 10pm, following their chores.

2b. According to source B, some men were tempted to become monks because the monasteries were very peaceful and quiet. They did not have to worry about the noise and business of their lives. Also, it says that other monks were ‘friendly and no one is selfish’.

3.Manuscript= pupil’s own work It should be neatly written with some illustration of particular letters, perhaps the start of sentences and other relevant pictures.

Monks copied books out by hand because they were the best educated people who were able to read ad write and therefore able to copy. They had to copy the books because there was no machinery or technology for printing. It was important that this copying of books to take place to make sure that knowledge and recordings on the manuscripts was not lost. The information was compiled in huge books that we call chronicles. A lot of these chronicles still survive today and provide us with very valuable information about the medieval times.

**Lesson 2- a nun’s life**

1. Some medieval women became nuns because:

* Their parents had promised God and the church that they would, and sometimes parents got a ‘dowry’ (payment) for giving their daughters to the church.
* Some women did not want to get married
* The church and the life of a nun provided more opportunities than being a typical medieval peasants’ wife.
* Some women who became widowed became a nun for security.

1. Nuns were sometimes called the ‘brides of Christ’ because in order to become a nun they underwent a ceremony which was similar to a wedding. The nun would have a ring placed on her finger and she wore a wedding crown as she took her vows. From then on, she would be seen as being married to God.