**BALDERDASH: MEDIEVAL WORDS**

Students are given a word to define; they write their definition on a piece of paper (if they do not know what it means, they make it up). Once definitions are written, the teacher reads out all the definitions and students vote on which one is right. If they guess correctly OR their definition gets the most votes, they get a point! Whoever ends with the most points wins.

1. Limner: A person who illuminated manuscripts
2. Cottar: A lower-ranking peasant; someone who lived in a cottage but had no land to farm
3. Vassal: A free man who swore his loyalty to a lord
4. Pottage: A soup or stew made in a pot
5. Spartle: The stick the cook would use to stir the pottage during cooking
6. Trencher: Round bread that also served as a plate or bowl
7. Indulgences: A writ by which one's sins were absolved by the Catholic Church in exchange for a sum of money
8. Benefice: A land grant given to members of the aristocracy
9. Morther: Murder
10. Brice: Disturbing the peace; also a fine issued for said crime
11. Culver: A term of endearment; dove
12. Gramercy: Thank you

<https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/medieval-terms-defs>

An **illuminated manuscript** is a formally prepared [document](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manuscript) where the text is decorated with flourishes such as [borders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marginalia) and [miniature illustrations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miniature_(illuminated_manuscript)).