The heritage of medieval Christendom

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The focus of this topic has been on the structure of society in medieval Europe and how it developed and changed in the second half of the Middle Ages. Modern European society developed from medieval society and much of Australia’s population is of European backgrounds. Australia has thus been influenced in some ways by medieval society. How did society in the Middle Ages differ from our own? We can also consider what our society has *inherited* from this time.

**1.** **True or false? Circle T or F.**

**(*Note:* You will need to draw on material from the topic as well as your own general knowledge.)**

**a.** In Europe in the early Middle Ages, land was the main source of wealth. **T/F**

**b.** In Europe by the end of the Middle Ages, trade and commerce were emerging as a  
major source of wealth. **T/F**

**c.** In the western world today, trade and commerce remain the main source of wealth. **T/F**

**d.** In the early Middle Ages, peasants were the working class. **T/F**

**e.** In the late Middle Ages, peasants were the middle class. **T/F**

**f.** In the early Middle Ages, peasants displayed power by united action. **T/F**

**g.** In the late Middle Ages, peasants displayed power by united action. **T/F**

**h.** In the western world today, the working class displays power by united action. **T/F**

**i.** The Middle Ages saw the undermining of the feudal system. **T/F**

**j.** The Commonwealth of Australia, with a monarch as head of state, remains a  
feudal system. **T/F**

**k.** Christendom produced much beautiful artwork, architecture and literature. **T/F**

**l.** Little of the artwork, architecture and literature produced by Christendom can be  
enjoyed today. **T/F**

**2.** **Arguably, up to 60 per cent of the English language is derived from Latin, the common language of Christendom. Fill in the third column with as many words as you can. Some have been provided to get you started.**

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| Latin word | Definition | English derivatives |
| **villa** | **house** | ***villa*,** |
| **antiqua** | **old** |  |
| **nova** | **new** | ***novel*,** |
| **terra** | **land, earth** |  |
| **sub** | **under** |  |
| **bona** | **good** |  |
| **prima** | **first** |  |
| **aqua** | **water** |  |