A Medieval Tapestry: Life in a Turbulent Era

In <u>a bustling</u> medieval <u>town</u>¹ <u>nestled between</u> rolling hills <u>and</u>² a winding river, daily life <u>unfolded with</u>³ a rhythm both simple and <u>intricate</u>. At the heart of the community stood a quaint **diner**, <u>a humble establishment</u> where <u>townsfolk</u> would **dine** together, sharing <u>hearty</u> meals of bread, <u>stew</u>, and <u>ale</u>. Yet, not all <u>palates</u> were pleased; some expressed a sharp **distaste** for the bitter herbs used in the dishes, a sentiment that <u>baffled</u> the local **brewery** owner. His **brew**, a <u>frothy</u> ale <u>renowned across</u> the region, was a source of pride, and to <u>cater to</u> varied tastes, he began to **blend** <u>exotic</u> spices into his recipes, hoping to win over even the most <u>discerning</u> customers.

The Roads and Rivers of Travel √

Beyond the town's cobblestone streets, travel was a necessity and a challenge. One fateful day, two carts **collide**d on a narrow bridge, causing one to **derail** and <u>tumble into a ditch</u>¹. The driver, struggling to **steer** his horse through the chaos, cursed his misfortune. Meanwhile, a **shuttle** cart arrived, offering a lifeline to stranded travelers who eagerly **embark**ed for the next village. Across the river, a **ferry** <u>plied its trade</u>², its steady rhythm marking each **voyage** as it carried merchants and <u>pilgrims alike</u>³. Important <u>cargos</u>, guarded by an armed **escort**, moved under watchful eyes, their permits set to **expire** only upon safe delivery.

Leisure in Simpler Times √

When the day's labors ceased, the townsfolk sought respite. Many would **stroll** along the riverbank, basking in the golden hues of sunset. The town's **icon**, a towering stone bell tower, stood as a testament to its history, its **debut** centuries prior still whispered in local lore. Young men and women donned **stylish** tunics, reflecting the latest **vogue** from distant courts, their laughter echoing through the evening air.

The Comforts of Home ✓

Within their homes, life was a blend of practicality and beauty. Clad in simple garments, residents arranged their possessions on sturdy shelf units. Gifts arrived in colorful wrapping, a delight to unwrap, while refuse found its place in the bin. Every plug was secured in its socket, ensuring warmth from flickering hearths². The air carried a fragrant aroma of lavender, an indispensable comfort in their daily lives. Many homes, recently renovated, gleamed with lavish tapestries and ornaments of exotic origins—tokens from far-off lands. The exquisite craftsmanship of delicate pottery adorned tables, creating a cozy haven. On warm days, families would sprawl across the garden, some choosing to doze beneath ancient oaks. A quick nap refreshed them for chores: scrubbing floors, flushing latrines, stitching torn garments, knitting woolen socks, and mowing overgrown lawns.

The Machinery of Politics ✓?

Medieval politics, however, was far from <u>tranquil</u>. Laws were **identical** for all, yet <u>conservative</u> nobles <u>clung to tradition</u>, resisting change. Each **entity**—be it <u>a guild or a baron</u>—<u>vied for power</u>, some declaring themselves **sovereign** over their lands. Grand ceremonies, <u>steeped in</u> **formality**, marked alliances, such as the <u>confederate states</u> forming <u>a fragile commonwealth</u>. 【A <u>coalition</u> of lords governed <u>under the banner of democracy</u>, though true power often <u>eluded</u> the <u>democrats</u> who toiled with <u>laborious</u> effort to <u>sway the masses</u>.】? 怎么翻译

The **liberal** <u>winds of change stirred</u>, <u>emboldening</u> **leftist** thinkers <u>to</u> challenge <u>the old guard</u>. **Factions** <u>splintered into rival **blocs**, each <u>preaching</u> their own <u>dogma</u> and <u>doctrine</u>, while <u>a cohesive spirit</u> struggled to unite them.</u>

Publicity campaigns <u>spread word of reforms</u>, as movements to <u>emancipate serfs</u> gained <u>traction</u>, threatening to <u>dominate the dominant aristocracy</u>. <u>Efforts to regulate trade clashed with calls to deregulate</u>, and rulers <u>sought to dictate</u> terms <u>with iron fists</u>. Clever leaders would <u>utilize resources</u> and <u>leverage alliances</u> to <u>expand their territory</u>, <u>courting constituent support</u> through grand institutes.

Polls <u>gauged public sentiment</u>, with <u>high turnout</u> at every <u>referendum</u>. Banners <u>fluttered in the wind</u>, as leaders <u>propagated their visions</u>, often <u>veering into propaganda</u>. Lobbyists whispered in shadowed halls, while <u>neutral mediators</u> <u>strove for peace</u>.

The chancellor and president of neighboring realms clashed, their <u>disputes echoing through</u> congress and senate chambers. [At the municipal level, a cabinet of advisors governed, <u>rallying</u> the masses at every <u>rally</u>.]

• govern? 作不及物动词? 表示市级顾问团所进行的动作,即管理和统治

They would <u>summon envoys</u> to <u>a grand summit</u>, where <u>unanimous</u> decisions were rare but celebrated.

<u>Treaties</u>, once **ratify**ed, carried <u>the weight of a **mandate**</u>, allowing rulers to <u>rein in dissent</u> and <u>curb</u> <u>corruption</u>. New policies, <u>swiftly **implement**ed</u>, saw armies **deploy**ed to <u>enforce **treaty** terms</u>. Yet, the **bureau**'s <u>bureaucratic delays</u> <u>frustrated many</u>, as <u>progress varied across each **sector**</u>.

<u>Consuls at the consulate mediated trade disputes</u>, while <u>deputy officials scurried to enact a new charter</u>. Political <u>tactics sharpened</u>, and <u>bold initiatives</u> <u>sparked hopes of reform</u>.

To **innovate**, leaders would **overhaul** outdated systems, overcoming every **hurdle**. Dissenters faced threats to **expel** them, while policies to **segregate** communities stirred unrest. **Sanction**s strained relations, and whispers of **conspired** plots thickened the air.

The Scales of Justice √?

Law, too, shaped medieval life.

To **violate** a decree or **infringe** upon rights invited swift retribution.

【Those who dared **defy** authority faced punishment, as **assault**s rose <u>amid tavern brawls</u>. 】 ← dare 不应该是to do吗? ? Efforts to <u>intimidate witnesses undermined justice</u>, while <u>illicit **gambles** flourished in shadowy corners. **Fraud** <u>eroded trust</u>, <u>prompting</u> officials to <u>indict</u> culprits with fervor.</u>

<u>Surveillance</u> by watchmen <u>curbed crime</u>, and <u>authorities</u> would <u>interrogate suspects</u> to <u>ascertain the truth</u>, <u>piecing together</u> every <u>clue</u>. <u>A decree from</u> the king <u>solidified order</u>, <u>reinforced by the oath of loyalty sworn by all</u>.

Guardians protected the vulnerable, battling for custody in fierce disputes. Accused parties would plead their innocence, navigating the penal code.

Some secured **bail**, others earned **parole**, all <u>under the **stern** gaze of judges <u>upholding **statutes**</u>.

<u>Legitimate claims found protection</u> as lawmakers <u>raced to legislate</u> reforms. All <u>were urged to abide</u>

<u>by</u> the rules and <u>comply with edicts</u>. **Patrol**s <u>roamed the streets</u>, <u>detaining offenders in grim</u>

<u>detention cells</u>, where freedoms <u>were confined</u>.</u>

Duty <u>obliged</u> all <u>to uphold justice</u>, and <u>the liable</u> faced consequences. A <u>robust legal framework</u> promised stability, with disputes often <u>settled as a last resort</u> in court.

Arming the Realm ✓

Military might loomed large.

<u>Militant factions stirred unrest, countered by</u> **naval** fleets patrolling the seas. **Troop**s <u>amassed at</u> borders, <u>dispatched to quell threats</u>.

Commanders <u>bolstered morale</u>, <u>facing down every antagonist</u> and <u>adversary</u>. Soldiers <u>marched</u> <u>toward battle</u>, <u>erecting forts for defense</u>. Leaders would <u>enlist recruits</u>, guided by <u>a seasoned</u> <u>marshal</u> and <u>battle-hardened veterans</u>.

Victory brought triumph, with medals and trophys honoring the brave.

The Fires of War √

When <u>diplomacy failed</u>, <u>warfare erupted</u>.

Armies sought the seizure of enemy lands, leaving trails of devastated villages.

A <u>prolonged siege</u> tested <u>endurance</u>, yet defenders would <u>repel invaders</u> <u>with grit</u>. To **conquer** was to <u>claim glory</u>, each **conquest** <u>a bitter prize</u>.

<u>Turmoil reigned</u>, the <u>turbulent times</u> sparking **revolts** and **riots**. <u>The **toll** of lives lost mounted, with **casualty** figures <u>haunting</u> survivors who <u>fled to</u> **refuge**s <u>far from the fray</u>.</u>

Voices and Visions √ ?-

Amid such <u>chaos</u>, opinions flourished.

A <u>rare consensus</u> <u>offered hope</u>, <u>bolstered by a firm **stance** on key issues. Every **notion**, even **notional** ideas, <u>shaped discourse</u>.</u>

A <u>shifting mindset</u> saw leaders <u>endorse</u> <u>bold reforms</u>, guided by wise <u>counsel</u>. Yet, <u>temptations to</u> <u>tempt fate lingered</u>, and <u>subtle <u>allude</u>s <u>hinted at</u> deeper truths.</u>

An **instance** of bravery <u>clarified debates</u>, each **caption**ed tale <u>fueling **controversy**</u>. Scholars would <u>refute weak claims</u>, hoping to <u>sway doubters</u>.

Dissent <u>enriched dialogue</u>, though a **veto** could <u>halt progress</u>. Many **reckon**ed change was near, and most <u>deemed it vital</u>. 【How people <u>perceived</u> the world <u>evolved</u>, as they <u>speculated on what lay</u> ahead.】←? 句式是?

- 主句: How people perceived the world evolved(人们对世界的认知不断演变)← how..为 主, evolved 为 谓语
- 从句: as they speculated on what lay ahead (随着他们思考推测未来会有什么时) ← 时间状语 从句

The Heart of Attitude √

Attitudes colored every interaction.

An <u>ardent love</u> for the land inspired some to <u>relish</u> its <u>bounty</u>. <u>Patriotic fervor</u> united them, though some <u>scorned outsiders</u> with <u>contempt</u>.

 $\textbf{Stereotype} \text{s} \ \underline{\text{bred mistrust}}, \ \text{and} \ \underline{\textbf{conceit}} \ \underline{\text{blinded the proud}}.$

<u>Hypocrisy</u> tainted promises, and <u>deliberate</u> slights sparked <u>feuds</u>.

Uncertainty would **baffle** many, while <u>hostile glares</u> <u>deepened rifts</u>. Some <u>resented their lot</u>, others <u>trumpeted their deeds</u>.

Flattery masked ambition, and boasts fueled rivalry.

Yet, to **boast** was human, and some would **concede** their flaws. Truths **manifest**ed <u>in actions</u>, and **compromise** healed wounds — though some felt **compel**led to resist.

Winds of Change √

Change was inevitable.

[Laws modifyed over time, as traditions drifted away.]

• 使用主动语态的原因通常是为了强调法律自身的演变性质 (随着时间的推移,法律不断修改,传统也逐渐消失)

A <u>reverse</u> of fortunes <u>upended lives</u>, some <u>inverting old norms</u>. Leaders would <u>divert resources</u>, seeking to <u>convert foes into allies</u>. Machines <u>geared up for</u> war, <u>heralding the advent of</u> new eras.

Threats <u>loomed large</u>, their origins <u>derived from greed</u>. Reforms **initiate**d progress, as dangers **recede**d.

Yet, some <u>customs perished</u>, ideas **disperse**d, and conflicts <u>halted briefly</u>. Harassment <u>plagued the weak</u>, <u>a hinderance to peace</u>.

Every <u>setback</u> and <u>obstacle</u> <u>tested resolve</u>, with <u>hazards jeopardizeing stability</u>. Losses <u>impaired</u> growth, and wars <u>inflicted scars</u>. Societies could <u>disintegrate</u>, dreams <u>shatter</u>, and bonds <u>fracture</u>.

Yet, hope could <u>facilitate renewal</u>, letting some <u>surpass their limits</u> and <u>excel</u>. Strength <u>exerted in unity</u> saw spirits <u>bounce back</u>, communities <u>bound together</u>, and courage <u>bolstered</u>.

Wealth might **soar**, then **spiral** upward, or **surge** briefly before a **plunge**. Even a **tumble** taught resilience.

Traits of the Times \

People bore distinct marks.

A kind **disposition** warmed hearts, like <u>the soft **texture**</u> of wool. The **noble** stood tall, their <u>versatile</u> <u>talents</u> shining. <u>Tender hands</u> healed, and <u>tame beasts</u> <u>aided labor</u>.

The pathetic stirred pity, while the elite ruled.

Negligent lords <u>faltered</u>, their <u>complexion</u> <u>pale with worry</u>. <u>Stout walls</u> endured, upheld <u>by rigor</u>. The <u>volatile clashed with</u> the <u>eccentric</u>, yet the <u>discreet thrived</u>.

<u>Timid souls</u> hid, while the **formidable** led.

Delays <u>retarded plans</u>, but <u>dignity prevailed</u>. A <u>solemn air graced ceremonies</u>, <u>exuding majesty</u>.

The **conspicuous** <u>drew eyes</u>, the **vicious** fear. **Sturdy** homes <u>defied storms</u>, despite **adverse** winds or <u>sinister plots</u>.

The <u>stark wilderness</u> awed, the <u>gigantic</u> inspired. <u>Trivial woes</u> faded, mere <u>trifles</u> beside <u>intense</u> joys.

An **apt** word <u>soothed</u>, the **peculiar** <u>intrigued</u>. <u>Terrific feats</u> amazed, <u>rooted in</u> <u>intrinsic worth</u> and <u>inherent strength</u>.

Underlying tensions <u>simmer</u>ed, within <u>intricate</u> webs. A <u>concise</u> tale clarified, though <u>plausible</u> lies deceived. Feasible dreams <u>took root</u>, <u>overt</u> acts <u>boldly shown</u>. The <u>faint</u> <u>faltered</u>, the <u>dim groped</u>, yet the <u>almighty</u> endured.

Degrees of Life ✓?

Skill marked the era.

The **proficient** excelled, building to a **climax** of glory. **Optimum** harvests fed all, pushed to the **utmost**.

<u>Ultra-bold</u> knights <u>rode forth</u>, as needs <u>mounted</u>. Sounds <u>amplifyed across valleys</u>, riches <u>augmented stores</u>. Unity <u>consolidated gains</u>, though tensions <u>escalated</u>.

Mercy <u>alleviated pain</u>, as threats <u>diminished</u>. <u>Blunt tools dulled</u>, yet <u>cardinal virtues</u> shone. Duty was <u>imperative</u>, lives <u>integral</u> to the whole.

- //? 这里面很多谓语不应该使用被动吗,为什么用的主动的过去式
- 大多数句式是: 主句+独立主格结构

Acts and Deeds

Behaviors shaped fates.

Ideas <u>diffused slowly</u>, as <u>beasts hibernated</u>. The poor <u>solicited aid</u>, while foes <u>obstructed peace</u>.

Greed <u>hampered trade</u>, <u>a handicap</u> to all. Fear **inhibit**ed growth, though kindness <u>counteracted</u> hate.

Laws <u>deterred crime</u>, aiming to <u>eradicate vice</u>. Heroes <u>undo wrongs</u>, their vigilance <u>averting doom</u>.

<u>Aversion</u> to war grew, as some <u>evaded drafts</u>. **Disguise** hid spies, truths <u>veiled in shadow</u>. Danger <u>menaced all</u>, yet families <u>huddled close</u>. Warriors <u>crouched in wait</u>, a coin's **flip** deciding fate. Bees buzzed, guards glared, and children <u>peeped at wonders</u>.

The Dance of Action

Action drove the age.

Swords <u>swiped foes</u>, shields <u>smashed apart</u>. Fists <u>punched through</u>, fingers <u>poked eyes</u>.

Blades <u>stabbed deep</u>, arrows <u>pierced armor</u>.

Hands **clasp**ed <u>in prayer</u>, friends <u>cling</u> to hope. Men <u>heaved stones</u>, flags <u>hoisted high</u>.

Boys <u>tossed pebbles</u>, lovers <u>fling notes</u>. Stones <u>hurled afar</u>, doors <u>thrust open</u>. Crowds <u>shoved</u> <u>forward</u>, ropes <u>jerked tight</u>.

Tools wrenched free, cold made men shiver. Bows quivered, papers shredded.

Boots <u>tread paths</u>, pilgrims <u>trekked on</u>. Thieves <u>sneaked past</u>, frogs **hop**ped free. The lame <u>limped</u> <u>home</u>, streams <u>trickled by</u>.

Seeds <u>scattered wide</u>, milk <u>spilled over</u>.

Water **splash**ed faces, rain **sprinkled** fields. Nets **filter**ed fish, scents **permeated** air. Clothes **soak**ed through, stars **dazzled** all. Fires **blazed** bright, gems **glitter**ed softly. Torches **illuminated** paths, tables **tilt**ed askew.

Old men <u>stooped low</u>, wolves <u>devoured prey</u>. Teeth <u>crunched bones</u>, shoulders <u>shrugged off woes</u>. Fury <u>unleashed chaos</u>, doors <u>slammed shut</u>. Fingers <u>pinched noses</u>, tales <u>elicited gasps</u>. Claws <u>ripped flesh</u>, lies <u>stripped bare</u>.

States of Being

Life <u>pulsed in</u> states.

The **mute** watched, the **sober** judged.

The **frantic** fled, the **animate** danced. **Vigorous** youths raced, the **dizzy** swayed. The **weary** rested, **fatigue** <u>cloaking all</u>.

The **susceptible** fell ill, the **idle** dreamed.

The **desolate** wept, the **numb** stood still. Truths grew **obscure**, the **poised** held firm.

Joys were transient, tasks concurrent.

Anger relented, love perpetual.

Days strung **consecutive**, memories **linger**ed. Rains were **intermittent**, events **simultaneous**. Plans <u>stayed **pending**</u>, twigs **snap**ped underfoot.

Haste <u>drove errors</u>, days <u>grew hectic</u>. Hopes felt eternal, yet supplies deficient.

A sole survivor stood, the solitary mourned. Bulk harvests fed, change was drastic.

Waters <u>cleansed wounds</u>, limbs grew **stiff**. Some <u>were **prone** to folly, homes <u>stayed **intact**</u>. Work grew **tedious**, skies turned **bleak**.</u>

Peace was **tranquil**, spires stood **erect**.

The Measure of Quality

Virtues defined souls.

Merit earned praise, norms guided all.

Integrity shone, words were **frank**. Steps were **brisk**, eyes **wary**. The **humble** bowed, the **sophisticated** charmed.

The **competent** built, **thrift** saved much. **Ingenious** minds <u>thrive</u>d, the **arrogant** fell. **Complacent** lords dozed, **complacency** their <u>flaw</u>.

The **shrewd** prospered, the **brutal** feared. The **snobbish** sneered, the **partisan** divided.

Beyond the Veil

Life spanned a vast realm, joys in every vicinity.

Limbs **stretch**ed free, quotas met each **quota**.

Excess wasted much, <u>a **chunk** of</u> gold awed. The **frontier** called, homes sat **adjacent**.

Rural fields bloomed, the **outskirts** rested. A **venue** <u>hosted feasts</u>, life teetered <u>on the **margin**</u>. The **fringe** watched, the **verge** <u>loomed near</u>.

An **instant** changed all, time <u>elapsed slowly</u>. A **session** <u>debated fate</u>, the **interim** dragged. Some **lag**ged behind, the **medieval** defined them.

Hitherto, all endured, lessons <u>prior to now</u>. Events <u>preceded dawn</u>, steps were <u>preliminary</u>.

Change felt **imminent**, a new age <u>beckon</u>ed.