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Abbeys and Society in Medieval Times



In medieval England, _____ played a crucial role not only in the religious life of the people but also in their social and economic _____. These religious institutions were often founded in remote areas, bringing _____ and learning to undeveloped regions. The monks and nuns who lived in the abbeys dedicated their lives to _____ and work. They were also involved in teaching and took care of the sick and needy. The land surrounding the abbey was usually very _____, thanks to the innovative farming techniques employed by the _____. This not only made the abbeys self-sufficient but also allowed them to support the local _____. One of the most famous abbeys was Westminster Abbey in _____, known for its association with British royalty. The abbey schools were centers of _____ where many children learned to read and write. The scriptorium was another important part of the abbey, where monks would _____ manuscripts, helping to preserve knowledge from the ancient world. The architecture of abbeys, with their massive _____ structures, was meant to inspire awe and devotion. Many abbeys also became wealthy due to donations from _____, who in return expected prayers for their souls. However, this wealth and power sometimes led to _____, which, by the end of the medieval period, contributed to calls for reform within the church. Despite their eventual decline, the _____ of abbeys in terms of cultural and educational advancements cannot be underestimated.

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