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Merchants and Medieval Towns



In the _____, towns began to grow significantly in importance. This growth was largely due to the efforts of _____ who traveled far and wide to trade goods. They brought back not just products but also new _____ and technologies. These merchants were crucial for the development of _____ networks that connected distant regions. Their work led to the establishment of _____ in towns where people could buy and sell goods. Over time, some merchants became very _____ and influential, using their wealth to build grand houses and fund public projects. They also formed _____, which were associations that protected their business interests and ensured quality _____. The rise of these merchants helped towns to become bustling centers of commerce. Schools and _____ often sprouted in these thriving towns, attracted by the economic prosperity. The merchants' influence even extended to the _____ realm, as they began to have a say in how towns were governed. Through their trade, they introduced new crops like _____, which became a staple in the diet. The work of merchants in the Middle Ages laid the foundation for modern _____ systems.

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