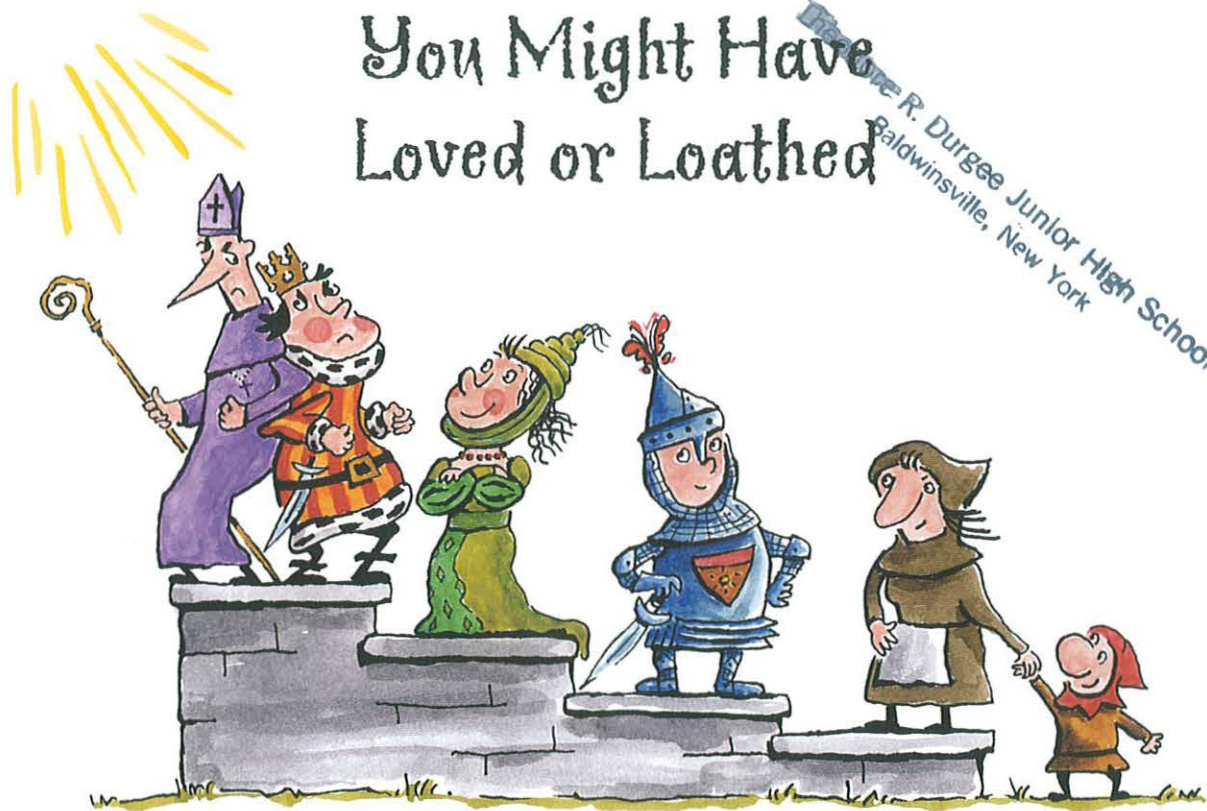


Archers, Alchemists, and 98 Other Medieval Jobs You Might Have Loved or Loathed

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Do you ever have problems because your mom wants you to behave one way, and your dad another? Do you ever get caught between what your teacher expects and your parents demand? If so, you know that having two bosses can be difficult. Bishops in the Middle Ages had two powerful bosses: the king and the pope.

If you are a bishop, you usually hold lands and property from the king and swear homage and fealty to him as your liege lord. You may follow him into battle and fight at his side. However, your official job is to be a leader in the Church, responsible for the spiritual well-being of priests and people in your diocese (church area) and administering church property. In this important job, your boss is the pope. Often,

pope and king make very different demands.

The king and the pope have to agree about appointing you, but in a rich diocese, you are probably more loyal to the king.

