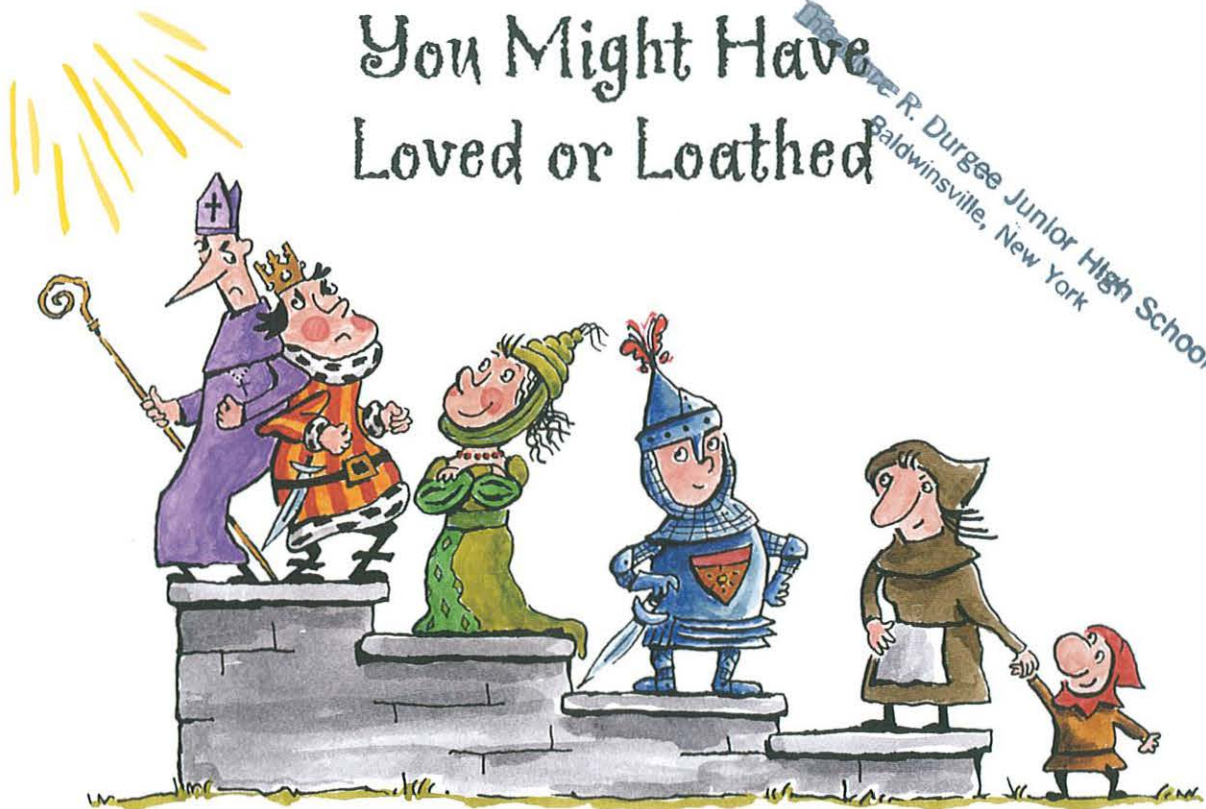


# Archers, Alchemists, and 98 Other Medieval Jobs You Might Have Loved or Loathed

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You live a strict life with others of your order, withdrawn from the outside world. Your days include long periods of prayer and silence. You



fast often; you wear simple clothes. Usually, you try this life as a novice for several years before taking your vows.

Sometimes even the most religious woman cannot take full vows unless she donates money or property. However, she can still live and work in the abbey. A monk who donates property can expect a better position than a poor man. Ability does count in these jobs, though. A big abbey, monastery, or convent is like a town; it needs cooks and gardeners, almoners and medics, masons and carpenters, and peasants to work the fields. Some abbeys specialize in making books, others in healing the sick or making a special liqueur or cordial.