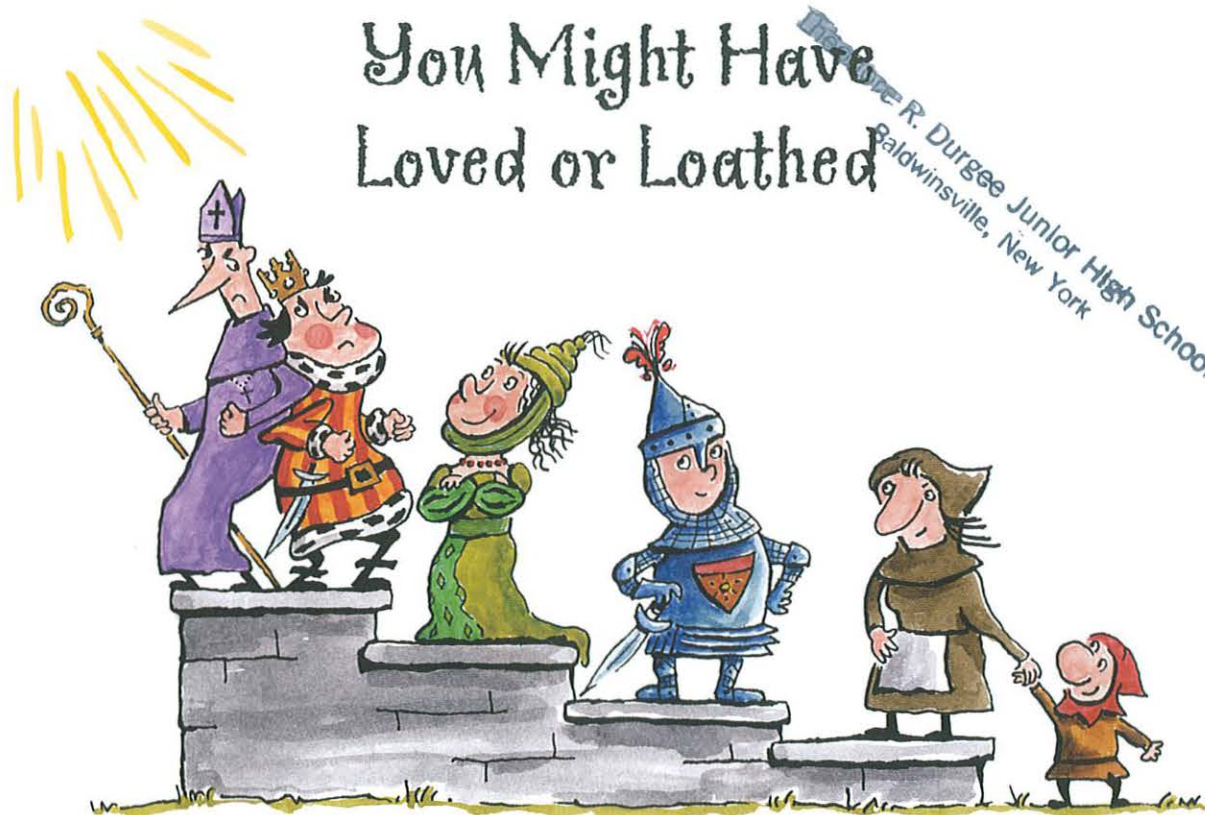


Archers, Alchemists, and 98 Other Medieval Jobs You Might Have Loved or Loathed

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Your grandfather built dry-stone walls to mark farm boundaries. His stones are fitted so carefully that they'll never shift, although he used no mortar. He was your first teacher. Even as a boy, however, you longed to cut and fit the stones of great buildings. You were apprenticed to a master who taught you to cut and fit, and also to measure and calculate. You traveled to Paris, and then to Moorish Spain, to study buildings and learn from masters there.

At last, you became a master yourself; now you are in charge of many workers building a cathedral, including carters and carpenters, painters and plumbers, as well as other masons. You can do fine work, carving a delicate lattice or a hideous gargoyle, but the great blocks of stone are your true passion.

