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To Jesus Through Mary

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Eighth Grade Religion Written Review for Chapter 5 Test

The Mendicant Friars vs Monasticism

Compare and contrast the 6 differences between the Mendicant Friars and Monasticism.

Mendicant Friars	Monasticism
Started in reaction to the reappearance of towns and cities. Found in the cities and towns because they want to be where the people are so that they can positively influence them. Want to evangelize the townspeople; bring them the Gospel.	Started in reaction to the legalization of Christianity. Founded in the wilderness and desert because they want to get away from the evil influence of corrupt Roman society.
Own no property. Choose a life of radical poverty.	Monasteries are found on large landed-estates.
Since they own no property they are dependent on the townspeople to provide for their welfare of food and shelter. Therefore they need to beg for these needs, hence called the Mendicant Friars, the begging brothers.	They have the large landed-estates so that they can be totally self-sufficient in providing for all of their living needs.
Spent the day preaching the Gospel and teaching the people how to live as followers of Jesus.	Spent the day in prayer and meditation. Three hours of communal prayer and seven hours of personal prayer and meditation.
Roam from town to town, city to city, preaching and teaching.	Lived a life of stability. Once you entered a monastery you stayed there your whole life.
Primary focus is on reaching out to the people evangelizing them. Secondary focus on their life of prayer.	Primary focus is on their life of prayer and deepening their relationship with Jesus. Secondary focus is on reaching out to the surrounding peoples.