

A Sample of Feudalism Vocabulary

Chivalry

Domain

Vassal

Fealty

Contiguous

Fief

Serf

Barter

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Feudalism and Manorialism

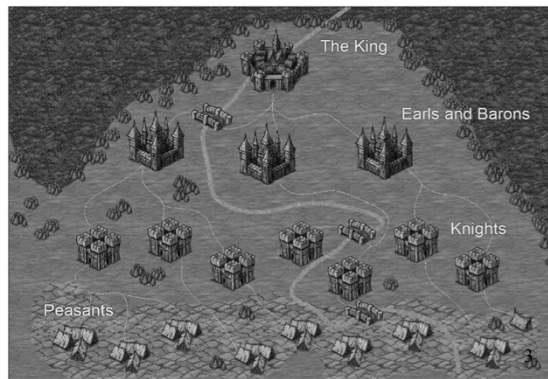
800 – 1400 A.D.



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What is it?

- Feudalism: political and military system
- Manorialism: economic system based on farming



Beginning of Feudalism

- Mutual Protection
 - Reciprocal relationship
- Division of Charlemagne's land to his grandsons
- Hereditary
- Catholic Church



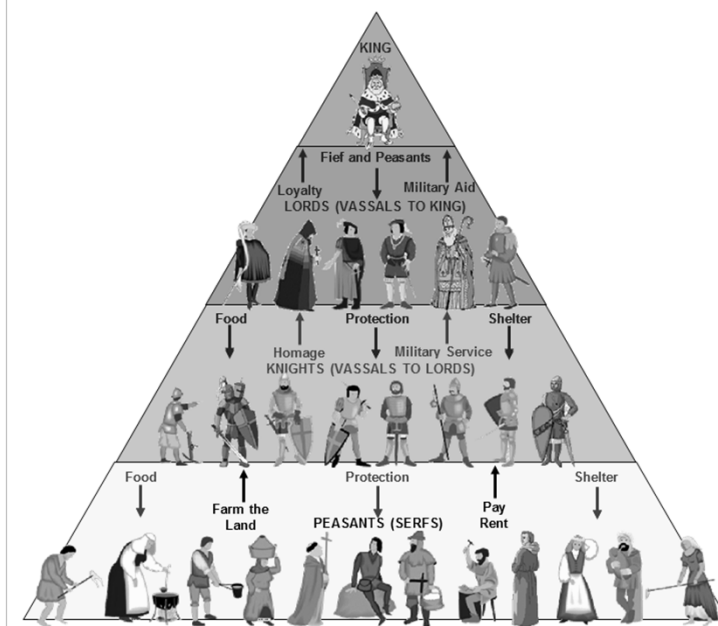
Protection

- Attacks from Barbarians, Vikings, other Feudal Lords
- Knights
- Fief
- Work the land to pay for protection
 - Non-Agriculture Labor as well



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Hierarchy of the Feudal System



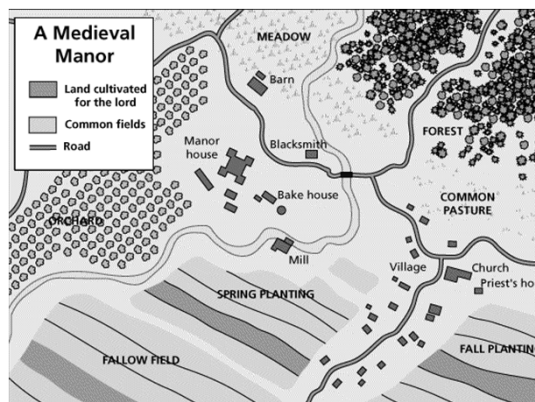
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Fealty

- Oath of Loyalty
- Obligations to the Vassal
- Obligations to the Lord



Manorialism



- Economic system
 - Barter
- Agriculture
- Not much better than slaves

Reasons for the end of Feudalism and Manorialism

- Crusades
- Use of money
- Black Death
- Increased trade
- Growth of cities and towns
- Gunpowder
- Rise of the Middle Class



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