**The Real Feudal Life**

**Feudalism 101**

During the Middle Ages, Kings were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to maintain law and order. People needed protection for themselves, their homes, and their lands. This led to the development of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – legal and political system that governed European life during the Middle Ages.

Feudalism created a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ structured society which included:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - powerful Kings and Queens
2. **Lords** – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Dukes and Counts) who owned large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lands)
   1. **Vassals** – lesser lords
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - mounted warriors
4. **Peasants** - people bound to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**How Feudalism Worked**

#1 A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (an agreement) was written between lords and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (lesser lords).

* The lord would give his vassal a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or estate, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work the land. In return, the vassal pledged loyalty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ service to his lord.

#2 Lords would have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defend their lands and castle.

* Knights lived by a code of conduct, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This required knights to be brave, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and true.
* Knights also participated in jousting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or mock battles, for entertainment.

#3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lived and worked on the manor, or lord’s estate. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ included the village and surrounding lands.

* Peasants were required to work the lord’s land and pay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the lord, and in return the lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the peasants and provided food, housing, and land to the peasants.
* The peasants who lived on a manor produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was needed, from food and clothing to furniture and tools.
* Most peasants never ventured more than a few \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their village during their lifetime.
* Peasants lived a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life and rarely live past the age of \_\_\_\_\_\_...

**The Church**

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the center of medieval life!!! It provided stability and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Europe during the Middle Ages.

* Each village had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who gave mass and provided sacraments, or the sacred \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church to the people.
* Christians believed the sacraments would lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or everlasting life with God.
* The church was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and place of worship during the Middle Ages.

Villages took pride in their church and Christians were required to pay a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or tax of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their income to the church.

* Larger cities had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ churches, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with flying buttresses (Gothic Style).

**Monasteries and convents**

During the Middle ages, men and women left everyday life to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_. They devoted their entire life to spiritual goals in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and convents.

* Monks and nuns followed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and followed 3 rules:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the abbot or abbess
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Purity)

The monasteries and convents provided basic services to people including care for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and poor, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the poor, and schooling.

**Church Power and Corruption**

After the fall of Rome, the church became the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ secular (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) force in medieval Europe.

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the spiritual leader of the Western world. Medieval popes claimed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or authority over all secular rulers including Kings and Emperors.
* Church power was further \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Cannon Law. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was based on religious teachings and governed most aspects of life.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for breaking Canon Law included:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - could not receive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, no Christian burial, condemned to Hell for eternity.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - an order stopping sacraments for an entire town, region, or Kingdom.

**Church Reforms**

As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grew, discipline weakened and there were calls to reform the church.

1. Clunaic Reforms – revived \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule, kicked nobles out of monastic life, outlawed marriage, and prohibited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of church positions.
2. Friars – monks who did not live in isolated monasteries began two new orders of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Franciscans who stressed poverty, humility, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of god. Dominicans taught official \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs.