The Feudal System

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A New System

1. After the death of Charlemagne, a new political and military system developed. What was it?

2. Define feudalism.

3. What is a fief?

4. What is a vassal?

Feudal Society

5. What were the four social classes that developed because of feudalism?

6. While the king was at the top of the social structure, he did not have the most power. Explain why.

7. Who made up the noble and church official class?

8. What were the nobles’ and church officials’ responsibilities?

9. What did the knights do in their daily life?

10. What is chivalry? Did everyone follow this code?

11. Describe the peasants’ daily life.

Manorialism

12. What is manorialism?

13. What was the land around the castle used for?

14. What is a serf?