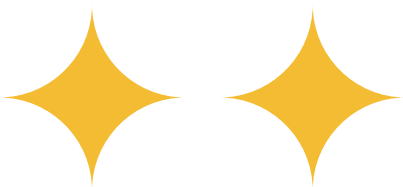




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Hello

Feudalism was a social system that developed during the period called the Middle Ages in Europe.

The basic government and society in Europe during the middle ages was based around the feudal system.

How it worked

Under Feudalism the King was only answerable to the Pope. Feudalism was based on the exchange of land for military service.

Life lived under the Medieval Feudal System, or Feudalism, demanded that everyone owed allegiance to the King and their immediate superior.

Feudalism Pyramid

Feudalism in can be easily described through a pyramid:

- At the top was the King, the King claimed ownership of the land and granted the land to important nobles.
- Then comes the less powerful military men (the knights)
- The land was worked by the peasants or serfs. They belonged to the land and could not leave without permission - the bottom of the Feudalism pyramid.

Interesting Facts ⁶

- Around 90 percent of the people worked the land as **peasants**.
- **Peasants worked hard** and died young. Most were dead before they reached 30 years old.
- **The kings** believed they were given the right to rule by God. This was called "**divine right**".
- **The Lord held absolute power** over the fief or manor including holding court and deciding punishments for crimes.



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