

I. Manorialism

- a. Basic unit of feudal landholding
- b. Self-sufficient castle and village
- c. Economic system
- d. Relied on serfs who were bound to the manor and no say in gov't

II. Feudalism

- a. Feudalism: system based in Europe during the Middle Ages
- b. Land or a fief is given to a lord and they in turn give it to a vassal in return for homage, and legal and military service of tenants

III. Feudal Roles

- a. King
 - i. Granted land to lords
 - ii. Lords were vassals to only the king
- b. Lord
 - i. owned estates
 - ii. minted money
 - iii. made laws and provided justice
- c. Vassal
 - i. Vassal had to pledge homage or loyalty to the lord
 - ii. They had to contribute money to the lord
 - iii. They had to fight in battle and provide men for the lords army
- d. Knight
 - i. Left home at age 7
 - ii. Lives with another lord
 - iii. Educated in chess, manners, god an dancing
 - iv. At age 13 they become squire
 - v. 18-21 becomes knighted
 - vi. the priests are responsible for the knighting
 - vii. Chivalry: preached bravery, honor, respect for women
- e. Peasant
 - i. Lived in villages in huts with no windows
 - ii. Lived with livestock
 - iii. Average lifespan 30 years
 - iv. They were illiterate
- f. Serf
 - i. Not a slave but bound to the land
 - ii. They could not own land
 - iii. Needed lords permission to marry
 - iv. They were bound to the manor but did not have to fight