**Feudalism**

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | **Roles and Responsibilities** |
| **Monarch** |  |
| **Lord/Vassal** |  |
| **Knight** |  |
| **Peasant/ Serf** |  |

**Feudalism**: Describes a feudal society is where land is held in exchange for service, and obedience is rendered in exchange for protection. “Society is hierarchically ordered with a military class of highly-trained and

Expensively-equipped warriors supported by a mass of peasants who provide labor and are tied to the land”

The lord was in broad terms a noble who held land, a vassal was a person who was granted possession of the land by the lord, and the land was known as a fief. In exchange for the use of the fief and the protection of the lord, the vassal would provide some sort of service to the lord. The peasants/serfs are the ones that perform the services and live in poverty.

•  The exchange of land and Serfdom. The peasants/serfs stayed on the property and work the land for the vassal. The products created on the land would benefit the lord as far in local and international trade.

•  Required protection/military service for the peasants who worked the land provided by the vassals.

•  The lower class did not possess any political or economical power.

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| Historical Example  | Who had the most Power?  | Which class status did the majority of the population belong?  | What were the major exchanges between the classes?  |
| In **Japan** between the years 1185 to 1868, the shogun ruled the country through the daimyo (nobles), who were the heads of the samurai. The Lower class which was approximately 87% of the population formed the land in exchange for protection by the samurai.  |  |  |  |
| In pre-colonial **Pakistan**, a jagir was a grant of land located in various districts.Military chiefs were permitted by the overlord to take in the products from the jagir only if they would keep order and a provide military protection for the commoners.  |  |  |  |
| In Medieval **Europe**, Vassals (Knights or Lords) were given fiefs (a portion of land) by the king. The peasants 90% of the population worked the fiefs for the Vassals in exchange for protection, food, and Shelter.  |  |  |  |

Similarities:

Differences: