The Development of Feudalism in Western Europe

How well did feudalism establish order in Europe in the Middle Ages?

PREVIEW

In your own words, define loyalty. Then, in the scroll below, describe a situation, either from your own experience or from a news report, in which someone's loyalty was very important.
Key Content Terms
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

- Christianity
- feudalism
- serf
- Charlemagne
- fief
- chivalry

Section 2

1. Create an obituary for Charlemagne. Remember that an obituary is an announcement of a person's death. It often includes a short biography and a summary of the person's accomplishments.

2. How did Charlemagne's relationship with the Catholic Church benefit both parties?

3. Why was there a need for order after the death of Charlemagne in 814?
In the downward pointing arrows on the diagram below, write an example of what each level of feudal society gave to the level below it. In the upward pointing arrows, write an example of what each level gave to the level above it.
Sections 4 to 7

Section 4
1. Where did monarchs get their power?

Section 5
1. Sketch a typical manor house in medieval Europe. Be sure to include not only the house but its surroundings.

Section 6
1. Describe the three basic stages for a boy to become a knight.
2. What responsibilities did knights have in the feudal system?

Section 7
1. What were the responsibilities of peasants in the feudal system?
2. Why is William the Conqueror considered an important monarch?

2. What responsibilities did lords have in the feudal system?

3. What was the role of noblewomen in the feudal system?

3. Suppose that you are a knight. Write a code of chivalry for yourself. For example, your code might start, “I promise to be loyal to the Church and my lord.”

2. What were some of the difficulties or challenges of being a peasant or serf?
In the “report card” below, give feudalism a grade from A to F for each subject, based on how well you think it accomplished the goals listed. In the third column, provide a reason for your answer, making sure to include specific examples from your reading.

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