

MEDIEVAL SOCIETY (Unit 12)

Full name: _____ **Class:** _____ **No.:** _____

SOCIAL GROUPS	CHARACTERISTICS	
<p style="text-align: center;">Nobility</p> <p>(mission: to protect the population in case of war)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of different wealth and power • Vassalage • Owners of weapons • Lived in castles • Controlled vast territories (manors) • Collected taxes from the peasants 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Clergy</p> <p>(mission: to guarantee the spiritual salvation of the people)</p>	<p>Secular clergy (Pope, bishops & priests)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope (head of the Church; political power; arbiter in disputes between kings) • Bishops (political power; in charge of a diocese) • Priests (in charge of a parish church)
	<p>Regular clergy (monks & nuns)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life organised according to a rule • Lived in monasteries and abbeys • Owned lands • Prayers and meditation • Manual jobs: to copy manuscripts & work orchards
<p style="text-align: center;">Peasantry</p> <p>(mission: to produce food and necessary objects)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Serfs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depended on a lord or a monastery • Worked the lands of the lord without remuneration • Had to pay for the lands they worked • Had to pay the tithe to the Church
	<p style="text-align: center;">Free</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned the lands they worked • Had to pay the tithe to the Church

Look at the above table and answer the following questions:

1. What were the three social groups in the Middle Ages?

2. What was the mission of the knights?

3. Where did they use to live?

4. What two groups was the clergy divided into?

5. Who was the head of the Church?

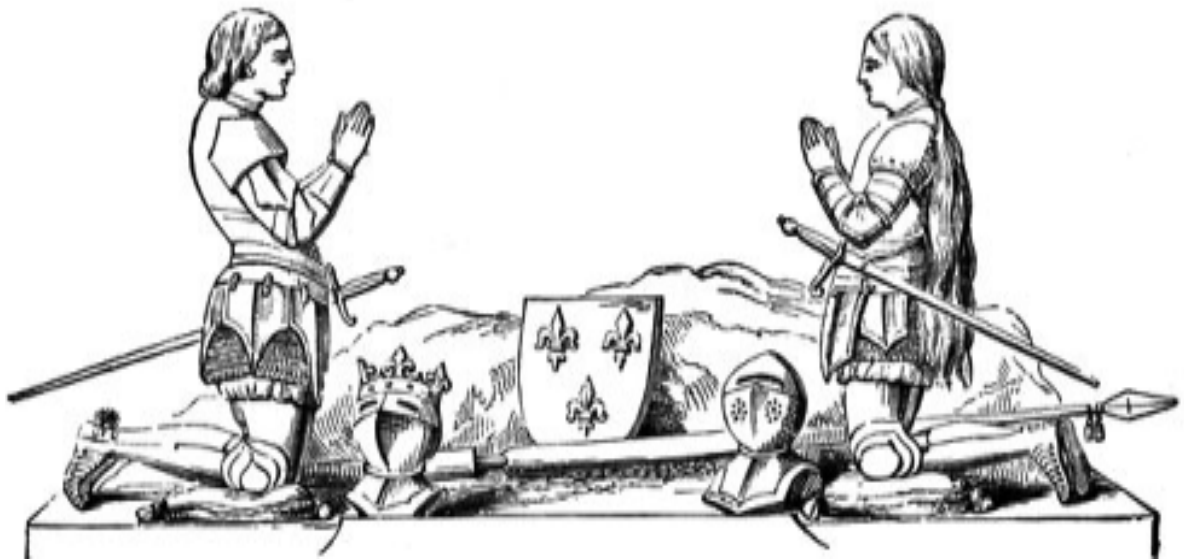
6. What were the manors?

7. What tasks did monks carry out in the monasteries?

8. What was the main difference between free peasants and serfs?

9. Who had to pay the tithe to the Church?

10. Who paid taxes?



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