

BREAKDOWN OF THE

FEUDAL SYSTEM

LIFE AS A KING!

- MOST OF THE LAND IN THE KINGDOM BELONGS TO THE KING, THOUGH HE DOES SHARE SOME WITH THE CHURCH
- BECAUSE OF ALL THE LAND THE KING OWNS, HE NEEDS HELP!

LIFE AS A LORD!

- THE KING LOANS FIEFS TO PEOPLE- PORTIONS OF HIS LAND- TO WEALTHY LORDS
- THE LORDS BECOME VASSALS TO THE KING- VASSAL BASICALLY MEANS SERVANT
- WHERE THE LORD LIVES ON THE FIEF IS CALLED A MANOR
- IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LAND AND THE MANOR THE LORDS MUST HAVE AN ARMY READY TO GO! SO THEY BRING IN KNIGHTS

LIFE AS A KNIGHT!

- KNIGHTS ARE TRAINED FIGHTERS THAT LORDS HIRE TO PROTECT THE LAND GIVEN TO THEM BY THE KING
- IN EXCHANGE KNIGHTS GET SOME LAND FROM LORDS, BECOMING VASSALS TO LORDS
- A LOT OF TIMES, KNIGHTS START OUT AS A PAIGE OR SERVANT TO A LORD
- BUT AGAIN, WITHOUT THE KING NO ONE WOULD HAVE ANY OF THIS!!!!!!!

LIFE AS A SERF!

- SERFS ARE VASSALS TO KNIGHTS AND LORDS
- A SERF'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND LABOR TO KEEP THE MANORS AFLOAT
- THERE IS NO SOCIAL MOBILITY IF YOU ARE A SERF!

DIVINE RIGHT THEORY

- IF YOU RUN INTO THE KING, BE SURE TO TREAT HIM LIKE A GOD!!!!

- DIVINE RIGHT THEORY MEANS THAT GOD CHOOSES THE KING