

CHAPTER 5
Europe in the
Middle Ages

Feudalism: A System for Living



A. Key Terms and Concepts

Directions: Match the definitions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

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| _____ 1. a power structure that developed during medieval times | a. manor |
| _____ 2. a peasant who belonged to the land | b. feudalism |
| _____ 3. someone who promised to fight for a lord | c. vassal |
| _____ 4. a large estate | d. self-sufficient |
| _____ 5. able to supply one's own needs | e. serf |

B. Main Ideas

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

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| _____ 6. When were the Middle Ages? | a. before medieval times | b. after modern times | c. between ancient and modern times | d. between medieval and ancient times |
| _____ 7. Who was Charlemagne? | a. king of the Vikings | b. a French serf | c. a Roman emperor | d. king of the Franks |
| _____ 8. What is a fief? | a. a ruler of the Franks | b. a ruler in Charlemagne's empire | c. land given in exchange for loyalty | d. a Viking warrior |
| _____ 9. What did noblewomen do in feudal society? | a. manage the household | b. train as knights | c. work in the fields | d. help peasants escape |
| _____ 10. Under feudalism, most peasants were | a. slaves. | b. farmers. | c. squires. | d. knights. |