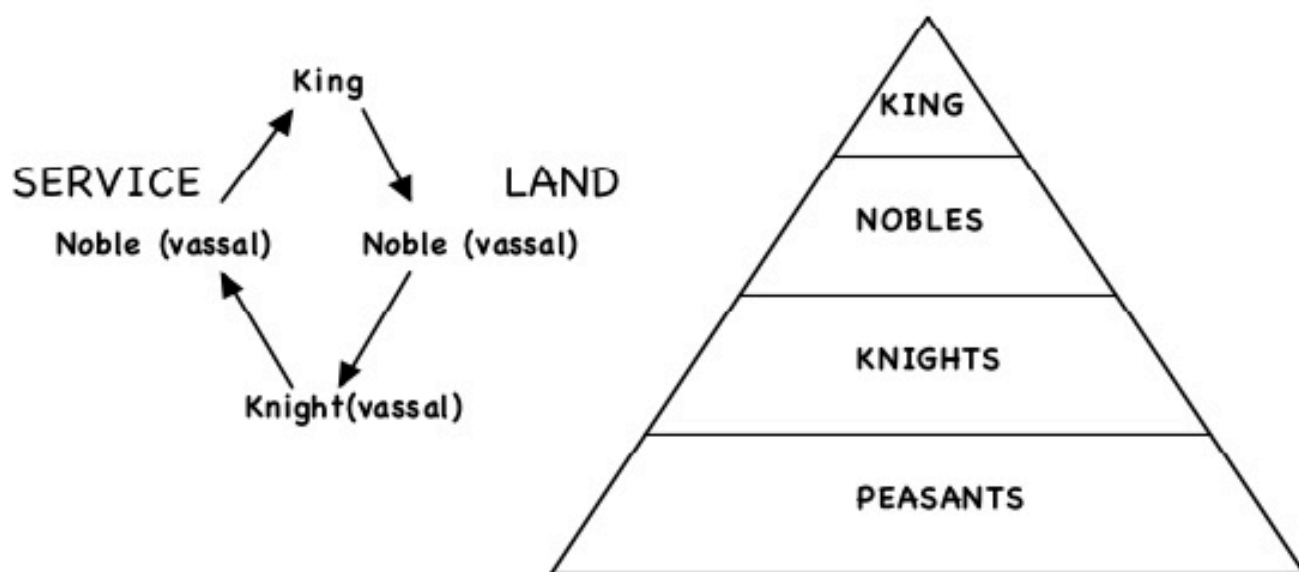


Notes 5.4 - Feudalism in Europe

Causes

- Invasions weakened the security of the Roman Empire.
- Economy began to weaken - internal trade declined.
- Local economy began to have to cover all needs.
- Average citizens needed protection.

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Effects

- People were grouped into a new social order.
- Peasants had almost no rights.
- Focus of world became local (within 20 miles).
- Science came to a standstill.
- Christian church became powerful in politics.
- Life expectancy declined.
- Arabic became the court language of the nobility
children were sent to Spain and N. Africa for education.