

**QUESTIONS FOR ARTICLE:
"THE FEUDAL SYSTEM- A WAY OF ORGANIZING SOCIETY"**

Read the article "The Feudal System- A Way of Organizing Society". Use information from the article AND classwork to answer the questions below. You may also use Chapter 24 in your textbook. Please answer on lined paper. Use complete sentences and be sure to TTQA and use your own words (UYOW).

1. What is the feudal system? In three sentences or less, summarize how the feudal system developed.
2. What did a knight receive in exchange for swearing loyalty to a lord? (This will only require a one-sentence answer.)
3. The ceremony in which a knight vowed loyalty to a lord was very formal and public. Why do you *infer* this was a public, religious, formal ceremony rather than a private, informal one? Use specific facts to support your inference.
4. Describe two positives and two negatives of peasant life.
 - a. Be sure to justify why you feel each feature you describe is either positive or negative.
5. Consider the relationship between nobles and kings?
 - a. Why did some nobles want to be under the leadership of a king?
 - b. In contrast, why did some nobles want to remain *independent* from kings?
6. Describe one positive and one negative of the feudal system.
 - a. Be sure to justify why you feel each feature you describe is either positive or negative.

Consider all the services each social class gave to those both higher and lower in rank.

7. What do you think is the *most important* service any social class gave to a **higher** group?
 - a. Justify why you feel this particular service was important.
8. What do you think is the *most important* service any social class gave to a **lower** group?
 - a. Justify why you feel this particular service was important.

For a "4": Create a diagram that shows the responsibilities of *each* feudal class to the one above and below.
HINT: Consider structuring your diagram in a pyramid.

