

SHORT ANSWER

Take 10 minutes to answer these questions.

1. What does “feudalism” mean?
2. The economic relationship between the lord of a manor and his peasants was called _____.
3. Name two important feudal customs or ceremonies.
4. What is a kingdom?
5. Who was Otto I?
6. What was the relationship between a fief, lord, and vassal?
7. What is homage (or hommage)?
8. Knights took part in _____ (combat between two armed knights) and in _____ (combat between two groups of knights).
9. An important set of customs developed as feudalism progressed, called the Code of _____.
10. True or False: A vassal’s main service to his lord was social.

ESSAY QUESTION

Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. “The feudal system of the Middle Ages may seem restrictive and unfair to our modern minds, but it was a great improvement over the chaos of the early Dark Ages.” Support this statement with details about the way feudalism provided safety, social stability, and steadier food supplies.
2. Sir Robert is a hypothetical nobleman living in Normandy at the time of William the Conqueror. In a narrative essay, describe the ceremony by which Sir Robert becomes William’s vassal, Sir Robert’s role in helping William conquer England, and how Sir Robert becomes a lord after William is crowned king. Incorporate as many facts as you can about the way feudalism and the lord-vassal relationship operated during the Middle Ages.

ALTERNATE QUESTION

NOTE: If you are studying Government in addition to History, your teacher may have you answer this essay question instead of those above.

3. “Although the feudal system often interfered with kings’ efforts to unify their people, in England it actually contributed to the rise of a centralized state.” Support this statement with details about the feudal system and the specific governmental developments in England.