

Middle Ages  
Feudal Society

King and Queens



Noble and Lord

Knights



Craftsmen



Serfs



## Middle Ages Vocabulary

1. **Middle Ages:** the period between the fall of the Roman Empire and the modern era, from about 476A.D. to 1453.
2. **Medieval:** from the Middle Ages.
3. **Feudalism:** a political system in which lords gave land to vassals in exchange for services.
4. **Lord:** a powerful landowner.
5. **Vassal:** a less wealthy noble who paid taxes to and served a lord in exchange for land.
6. **Knight:** a vassal trained in combat who fought on behalf of lords.
7. **Serf:** a person who lived and worked on the manor of a lord or vassal.
8. **Manor:** a noble's house and the villages on his land where the peasants lived.
9. **Renaissance:** a rebirth of creativity, literature, and learning in Europe from about 1300 to 1600.
10. **Patron:** a wealthy or powerful person who provides money, support, and encouragement to an artist or a cause.
11. **Secular:** worldly or not related to religion.
12. **Perspective:** a technique used by artists to give the appearance of depth and distance.
13. **Reformation:** a movement in the 1500s to change practices in the Catholic Church.
14. **Protestant:** a member of a Christian Church founded on the principles of the Reformation.