

FEUDALISM

Feudalism = An economic system that exchanges land in return for loyalty and protection

Example = The King gives his lords a large tract of land (called a fief). His lords agree to provide the King with military protection as well as a pledge of loyalty

Feudalism was characterized by rigid class structure and selfsufficient farms called manors

STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY DURING FEUDALISM

KING

LORDS (Vassals)

KNIGHTS

PEASANTS

SERFS