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Word	Definition	Graphic/ Symbol
Rural	In the countryside, belonging to the countryside.	
Nobility	People of noble (high) rank, title, or birth. Examples: lords, ladies, counts, etc.	
Manor	In the Middle Ages, a large estate (piece of land), part of which was set aside for the lords and the rest divided among his peasants (serfs) who paid the owner rent in goods, services, and money.	
Knight	A man raised to an honorable military rank and who pledged to do good deeds.	
Feudalism	The social, economic, and political system of the Middle Ages in Europe. A system in which people swear oaths of loyalty in exchange for land and/or protection.	
Vassal	A person who held land from a lord and in exchange this person gave help, military service, and a promise of loyalty to his lord.	
Fealty	The loyalty and duty owed by a vassal to his lord.	
Fief	A piece of land given to a vassal in exchange for military service and other services to the feudal lord owning the land.	
Serf	A peasant in the feudal system midway between a freeman and a slave.	