

**Outcome 8.1:** explain political structures in Western Europe during the early Pre-Modern Era.

Read pages 98-99 to learn about early medieval governance.

1. **Knowledge:** Define the following terms:

<b>fief</b>	
<b>vassal</b>	

2. **Perspective:** What were the three estates or social classes in Medieval Europe? Briefly describe them.

Estate or Social Class	Description
<b>Which of the above groups would have had the most comfortable life? Explain.</b>	

3. **Comparison:** Explain the roles of each group in the feudal system.

Lords	Vassals	Commoners

4. **Comparison:** What similarities and differences exist between the daily lives of medieval peasants and your own today?

5. **Values:** Why is the jury system developed in the 1100s seen as being more fair than what had existed before?

6. **Values:** What does the visual suggest about social inequalities that existed in the Middle Ages?

