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Duties in the Feudal System



In medieval England, the feudal system was the _____ of social and political life. This system was based on the exchange of land for service. A king would grant land to his nobles, known as _____, in exchange for military service and loyalty. These lords, in turn, would grant portions of their land to _____, who were knights or lesser nobles, again in exchange for military service or other duties. The vassals might then have _____ or peasants working the land, who were bound to the land and owed their labor to their lord.

The _____ was at the top of the feudal hierarchy, relying on the support of his lords to maintain control of the _____. This system created a network of loyalties and duties that was essential for the king's power and for the stability of the realm.

_____ were established to regulate these relationships, including the duties owed by vassals to their lords and the _____ that lords must provide in return.

One important duty was the knight's service, which required _____ to serve in the king's army for a certain number of days each year. Another duty was the payment of _____, which could be demanded by both the king and the lords for various purposes, including war efforts or the maintenance of _____.

Feudal duties also had significant impacts on the development of English law and _____. The need to manage and enforce these complex relationships led to the creation of legal institutions and the drafting of legal _____, such as the Magna Carta in 1215, which began to limit the king's power and laid the groundwork for constitutional _____ in England.

Over time, the feudal system began to decline, and the _____ associated with it changed, leading to the rise of a more centralized government and the development of common _____, a legal system based on court decisions and customs that still influences English law today.

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