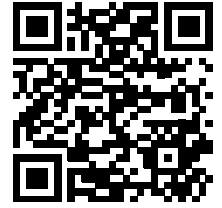


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Manor Systems in Medieval England



During the High Middle Ages, the _____ served as the fundamental unit of rural life in England. It was a self-sufficient estate controlled by a _____, providing everything the community needed. The lord lived in a large house or _____, which was often the most imposing building in the area. Surrounding the lord's residence were the _____, where peasants worked to grow crops for everyone living on the manor. These fields were divided into _____, with each peasant family having their own sections to farm.

Apart from crop farming, the manor also had _____ for hunting, ponds or streams for fishing, and common land for grazing animals. This _____ ensured that the diet of those living on the manor was somewhat varied, despite being mostly self-contained. The _____ was another crucial part of the manor, where grain was ground into flour. Every peasant had to use the lord's mill, often paying a fee for the service. The _____ was the center of spiritual life on the manor and played a significant role in the community. It was not only a place of worship but also of social gathering and administration. The _____ of the church often acted as a mediator in disputes and was one of the few who could read and write.

Peasants, or _____, were bound to the land and could not leave the manor without the lord's permission. Their lives were hard, but the manorial system provided a _____ of security and community. The lord, in return for labor on his land, offered protection to the peasants from bandits or _____.

Education was limited, with most learning focused on practical skills for farm work or household _____. However, some children of the wealthier peasants might be sent to study with the priest, learning to read and write.

In summary, the manor was a _____ of medieval society, reflecting the feudal system's structure and the interdependence of its _____.

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