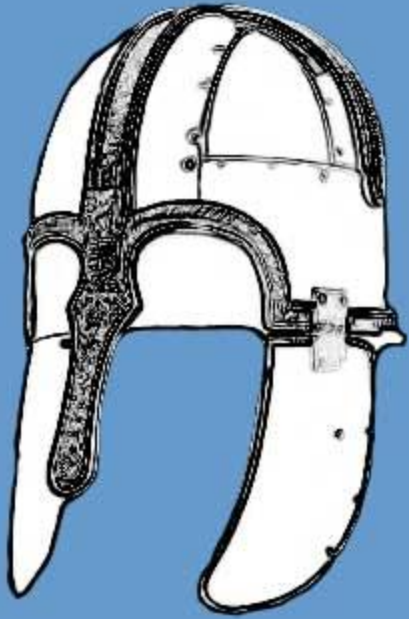


Dark Ages or Early Middle Ages



- Once upon a time..
- **POWER** becomes Private
 - Justice becomes personal and arbitrary
- **GOD** is omnipresent (always there and always involved)
- **LEARNING** and **LITERACY** are maintained by a few

Trial by Ordeal- God will intervene




Superstition - Fate



Western Europe becomes Christian



**Green and Brown
Christian areas
by 600 AD**

 *The Spread of Christianity. Christian churches appeared first in the major cities of the Empire and spread only gradually into the countryside, in part due to the establishment of monasteries.*

Factors to Christianization of Europe

- Missionaries and Monasteries
- Conversion of a “King”
- Forced Conversion- (Charlemagne)
- Belief?

St. Patrick- Ireland



Clovis- France

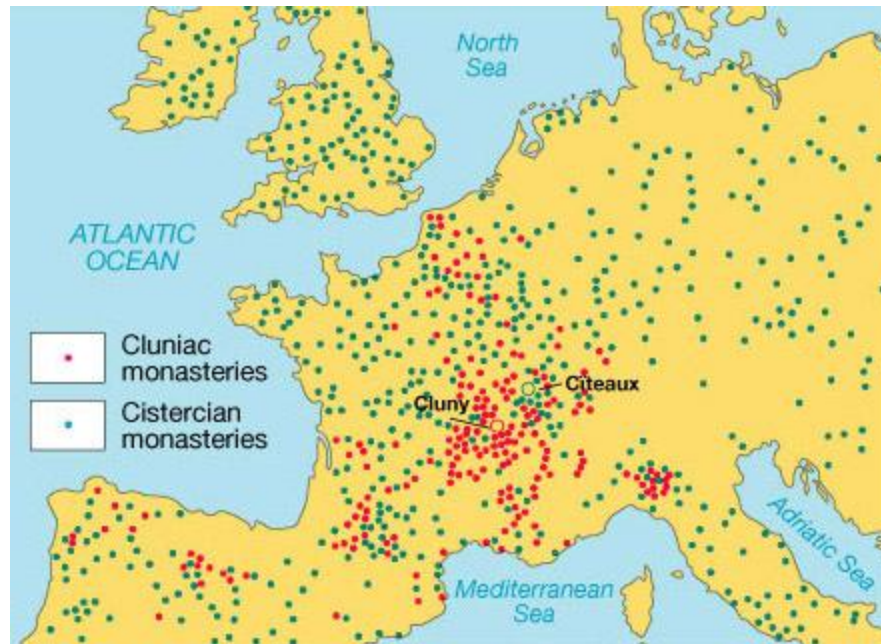




Pope Gregory I late 6th C

- A political and religious leader
 - Negotiated peace with the tribe called the Lombards
 - Built Roads and an Army
 - Helped the poor
 - Used Missionaries to spread the faith
 - Wrote Religious Books

Monasteries in Europe



 *Cluniac and Cistercian Monasteries*

Later Catholic Orders

- Dominicans

- 13th C

- Missionaries

- Preach the Gospel and fight Heresy



- Franciscans

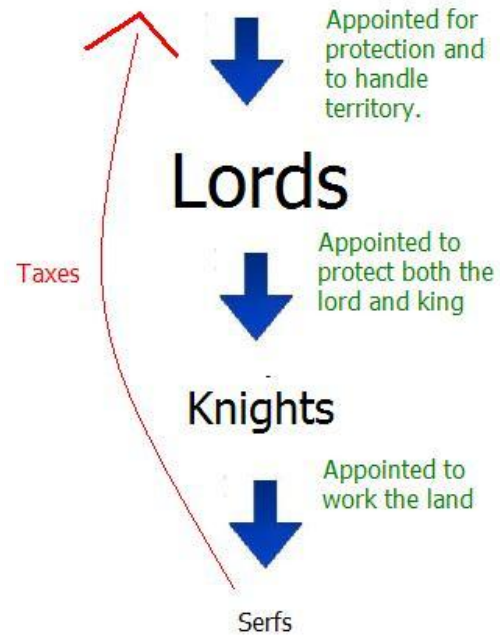
- St. Francis of Assisi in 13th C

- A Life of strict poverty and prayer



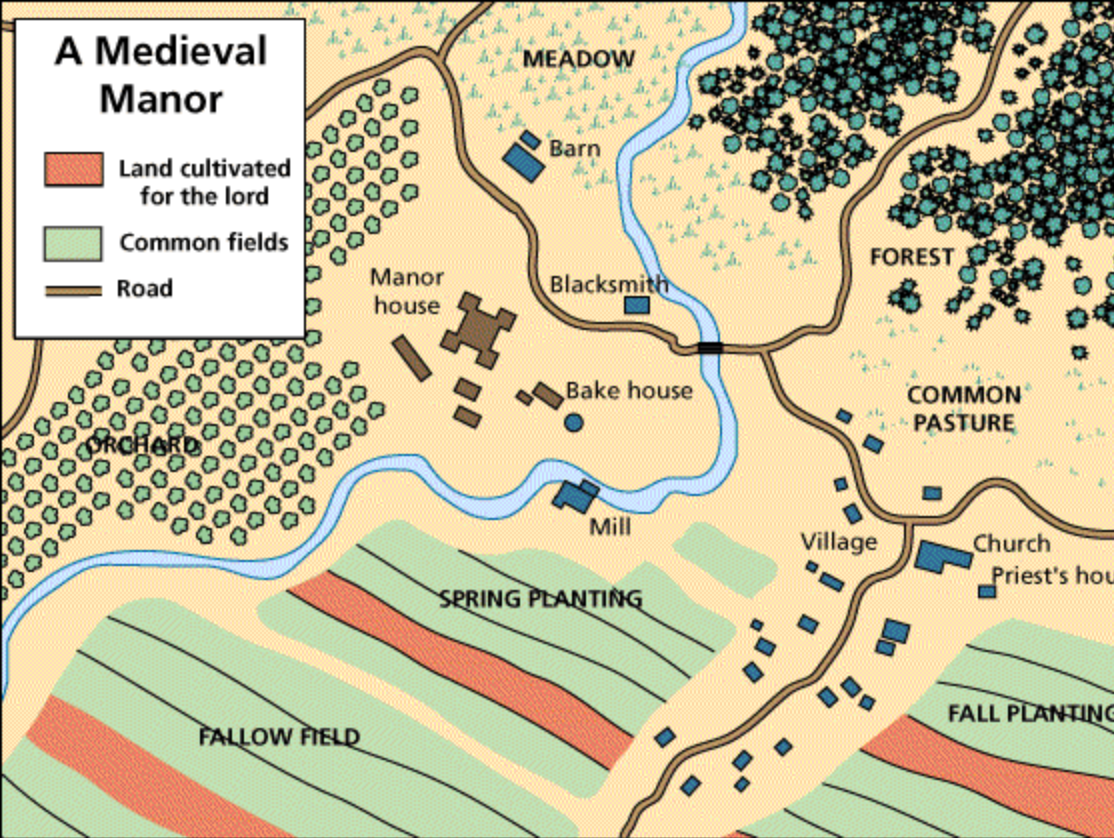
Feudalism

King



Investiture





A Medieval Manor

largely self-sufficient,
 a. mill for grinding grain,
 b. bake house for making bread,
 c. blacksmith shop for fashioning metal goods.
 d. Church for prayer

Serfs->Lord

Crops for Land

Crops for use of Mill

Blacksmith and Bakehouse

Serfs->Church

Tithe

Notice that one of the fields has been left fallow, or unplanted, so that the soil can replenish its nutrients.

Vikings, Magyars and Islam

