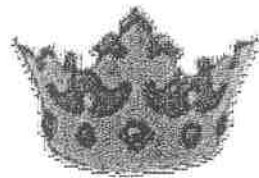
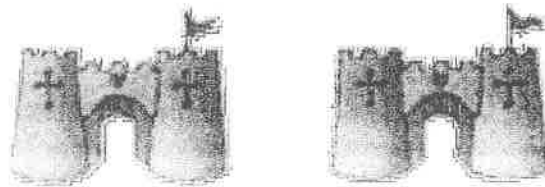


Feudalism

- Europe was no longer run from Rome
- feudalism is the new form of government that takes over from ancient Roman systems:
 - lords ruled over their vassals
 - lords would protect their people, and in turn, the people had to do various things for the lord
 - society was run this way – people lived and died for feudalism
- here is how it looks... (draw it!)



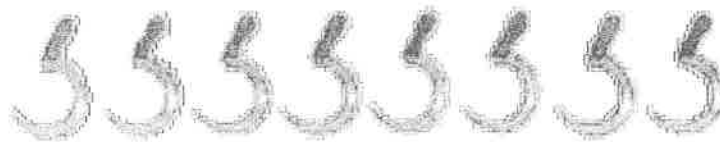
King



Nobles



Knights



Peasants

- the king is at the top
 - his job is to rule over everyone else, and if needs be, raise armies to defend the country
 - the most important person in all feudalism
 - hence why people are both scared and in awe of Charlemagne

- the lords/dukes/barons were next in command
 - their jobs were to provide the king with soldiers, taxes, and political support
 - for the people below them:
 - knights received a wage, lands, and country houses to live in
 - peasants received protection

- knights were below lords
 - their job was to be loyal to their lord and king
 - were thugs who looked out for the peasants (or were supposed to... sometimes didn't work out that way)

- the peasants had lots of jobs, but most of them are pretty basic
 - to grow food on the lord's land
 - to feed the knights and lords, and very little for themselves
 - to pay taxes/rent for protection and land
 - to be loyal to all those above you, and to respect their wishes and laws

- feudalism was a way of life, and it wasn't always nice...