



Chapter 8-A

The Early Middle Ages



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HI-101 Western Civilization I

~~Sept. 30~~ Oct. 1 Article Review 2 – **DUE**

Oct. 2 On-Line Quiz (Ch. 8)

Oct. 2-5 **The Book of Will (UM)**

Extra Credit

Oct. 6 Review Session TBD

Oct. 7 **Exam Two**

Oct. 9 Fall Break – No CLASS

Oct. 15 On-Line Quiz (Ch. 9)

Oct. 28 **Stallworth Lecture (USA)**

Extra Credit

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The BOOK of Will



Lonnie & Lynne Burnett ***Event Center***

October 2, 3, 4 @ 7:00 pm

October 5 @ 3:00 pm

(Ticket price will be reimbursed after completing review assignment.)

The *Book of Will* by Lauren Gunderson is a play that is set in 1623, after the tragic death of William Shakespeare.

His closest friends and fellow actors deeply miss him and his beautiful plays. When a pirated, badly botched Hamlet ("To be or not to be, there's the point . . .") plays on a nearby stage, they realize Shakespeare's lines are disappearing into the forgetful memory of time. What they need is a book—a definitive copy of his original plays, but to make one, they'll have to battle an unscrupulous publisher, a boozy poet laureate and their own mortality. Lauren Gunderson's look at Shakespeare's First Folio is a lively, funny, poignant love letter to theatre and the printed word.

Extra Credit

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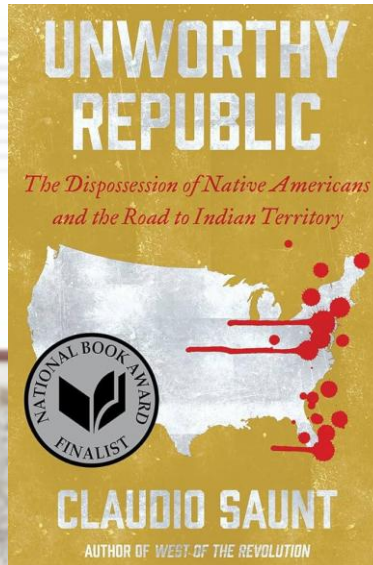
**2025
Stallworth Lecture**



***Tuesday, October 28
7:00 p.m.***

Laidlaw Performing Arts Center

Claudio Saunt
Professor of American History
University of Georgia



Claudio Saunt is a Richard B. Russell Professor in American History at the University of Georgia, Athens. He additionally serves as the associate director of the Institute of Native American Studies. *Unworthy Republic* (2020) provides a multilayered account of the expulsions of Native Americans from their homes in the eastern United States to territories west of the Mississippi.

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Pepin II Herstal “the middle”

Charles Martel “the hammer”

Pepin III “the short”

Charlemagne “the great”

**Pepin the hunchback
“Pippin, the musical”**

Louis “the pious”

3 civil wars and no divorce



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Charles Martel “the hammer”

Duke and Prince of the Franks

Mayor of the Palace

(shōgun / prime minister)



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Pepin III “the short”

First Carolingian king

Pope Stephen II traveled to Paris to anoint him in a lavish ceremony in 754. This was the first recorded crowning of a civil ruler by a Pope.



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Charlemagne “the great”

"Father of Europe"



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Carolingian Renaissance

I azze haglagolo connic luseb zu&ih
zlodeiu luzemiego deuunh luleh b moki.
delom lulem iego Da mirastte napomoki
lepocam Tose uue brti kibogu moih gre
ruu ubog uze mo chou Dabim cisto iz
goki lu iega zin pouued ztuoril lod
lu zuueti dub dda puztic orboga pried
tri imena edin bog Bogu uhe mogokenu
gozpod zuueti izpouuede uhe more
ise zuori nebo ly greche lsee marie
emlo Tose izco ie yzeh nepraudnih del
ga miloftri lsee inepraudnega pomislega
mariae lsee mic lse ieshem uuede ztu
habela lsee ril ili neuuede nudmi
tra luseb bosih zil ili lubmi lpe ili bde
luseb bosih mose Vshpitnih rotah Vlsimb
nic luseb b za resih vtarbinah Vshmeistye

Scholars

The 7 liberal arts

Grammar

Rhetoric

Logic

Arithmetic

Geometry

Music

Astronomy

**All bishops &
monasteries to
establish schools**

Carolingian Minuscule

Faster to read & write

Required fewer pages



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Louis “the pious”

Last Carolingian Emperor

Decent enough, but not strong enough to hold the empire together.

His succession plan was changed when he had a 4th son. This sparked 3 civil wars

Supported the Pope’s decision about ending divorce stating that:

“even though she were sterile, deformed, old, dirty, drunken, a frequenter of bad company, lascivious, vain, greedy, unfaithful, quarrelsome, abusive . . . For when that man was free, he freely engaged himself.”

globus cruciger “the orb and cross”
a Christian symbol of authority

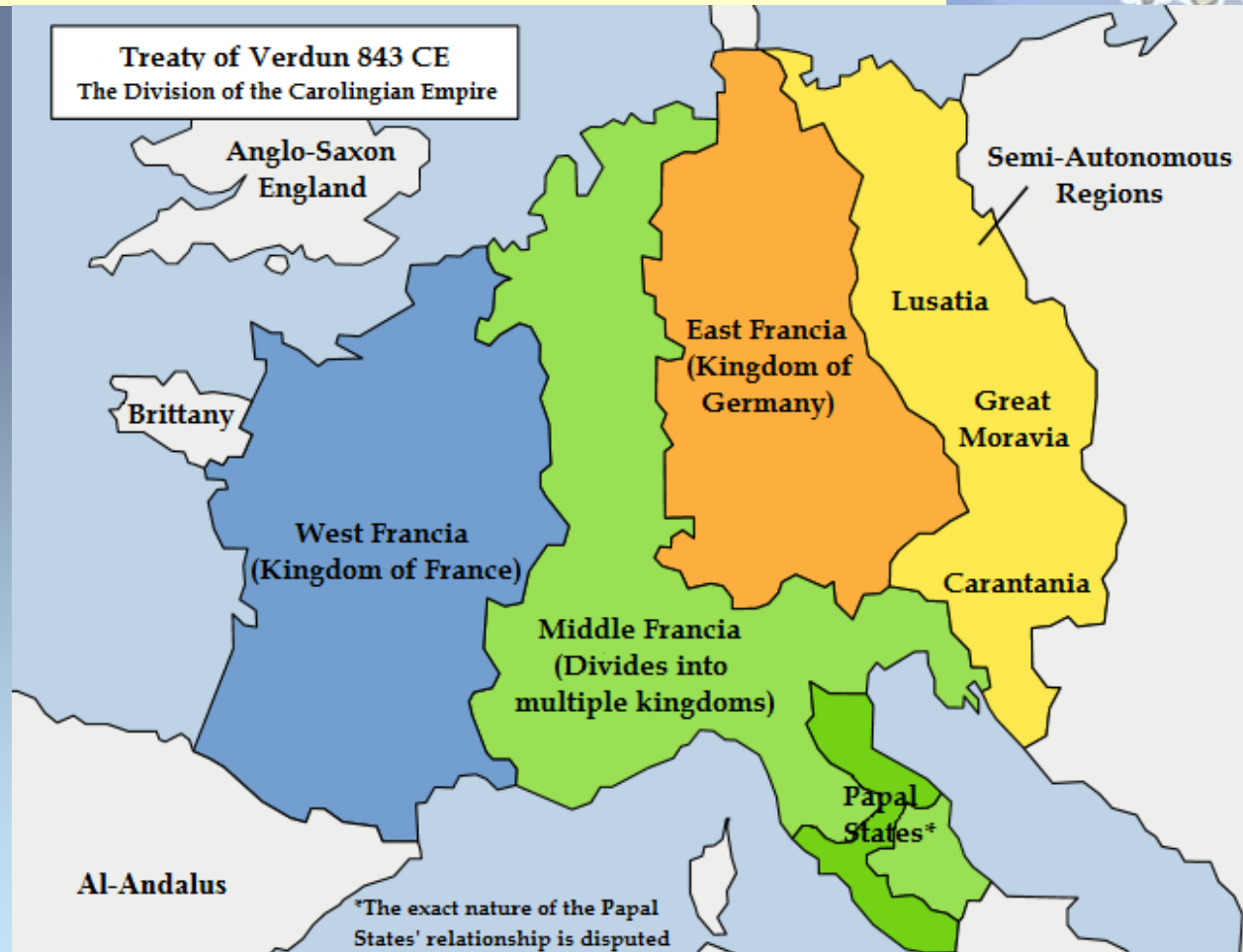


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TREATY OF

The end of an Empire

Louis' plan to divide empire with 3 sons as "kings" does Not work, but will give Europe France & Germany

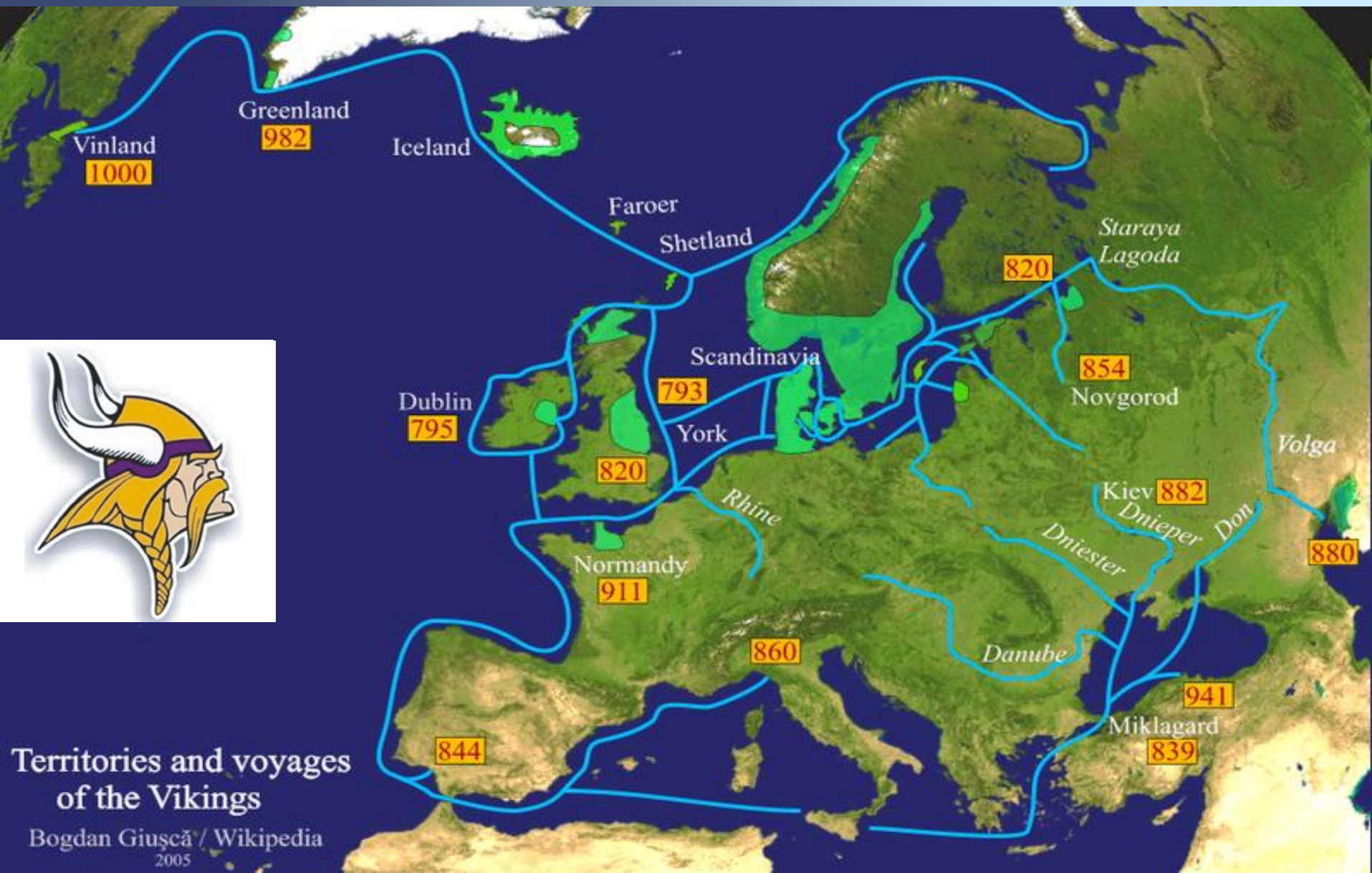


Charles
The Bald

Lothair

Louis
The German

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Territories and voyages
of the Vikings

Bogdan Giuscă / Wikipedia
2005

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Viking siege of Paris – 885-6

700 ships & 30,000 men

Charles the Fat

Viking raids on Seine River since 820.

Paid 5,000 livres by Charles the Bald in 876

Rollo given Normandy by Charles the Simple
to keep out (really) bad Vikings 912



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Agricultural Innovations Europe's dirt

Heavy-wheeled plow

Shared work
= villages



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Agricultural Innovations

Horsepower:

replaces oxen

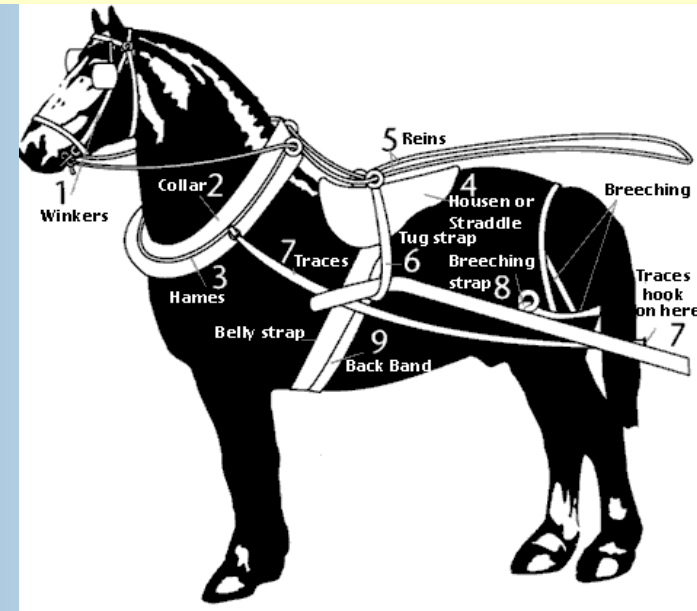
50% faster
longer workday
eat oats, not just grass

collar

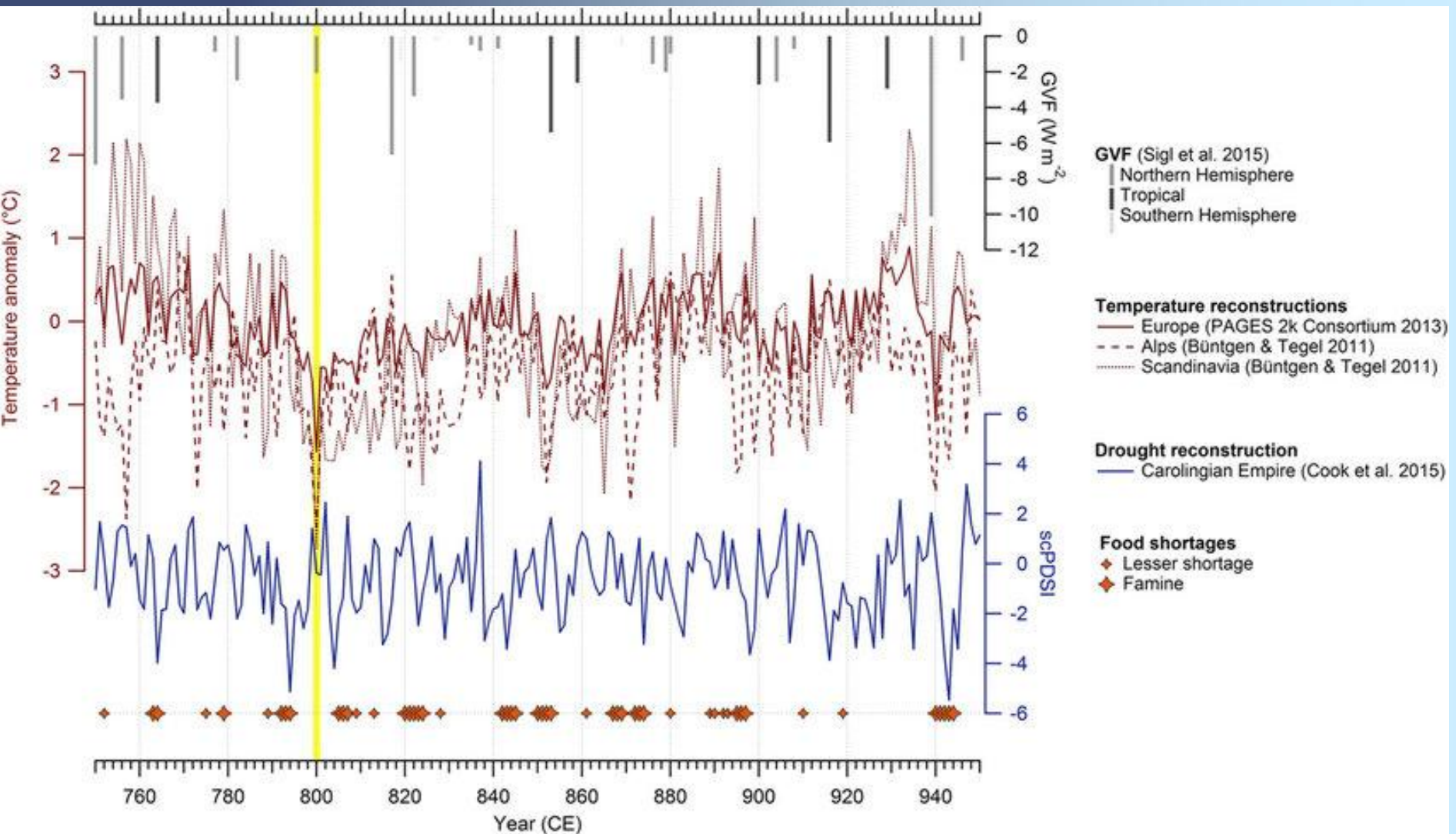
Europe 800-1000 A.D.
4-5 times heavier load

shoe

Europe 900 A.D.
greater traction when wet



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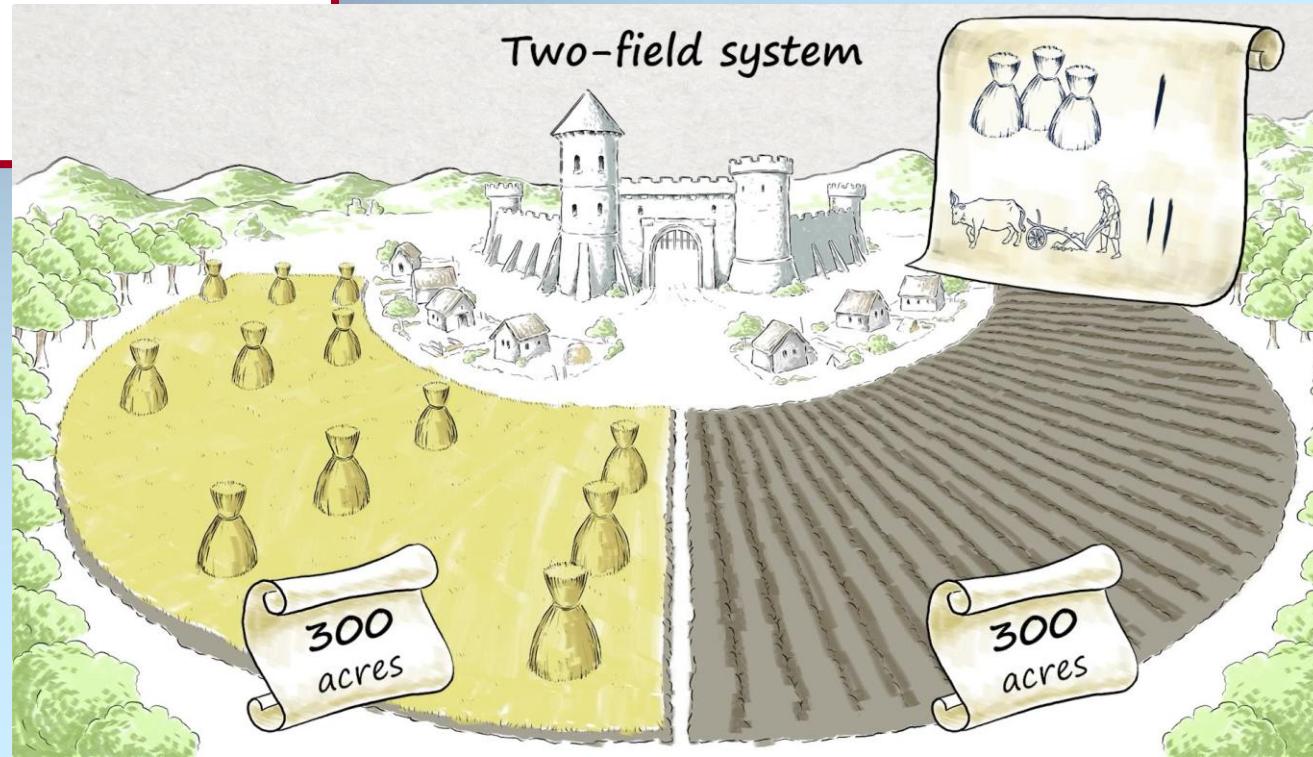
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Agriculture Two-Field System

Older method was 2 field rotation
WHEAT / FALLOW

Field 1: Wheat
Field 2: Fallow

Low yield crops – no
excess crops during
drought years



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Manorialism
economic organization



Feudalism
lay (and clerical) elite



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Feudalism

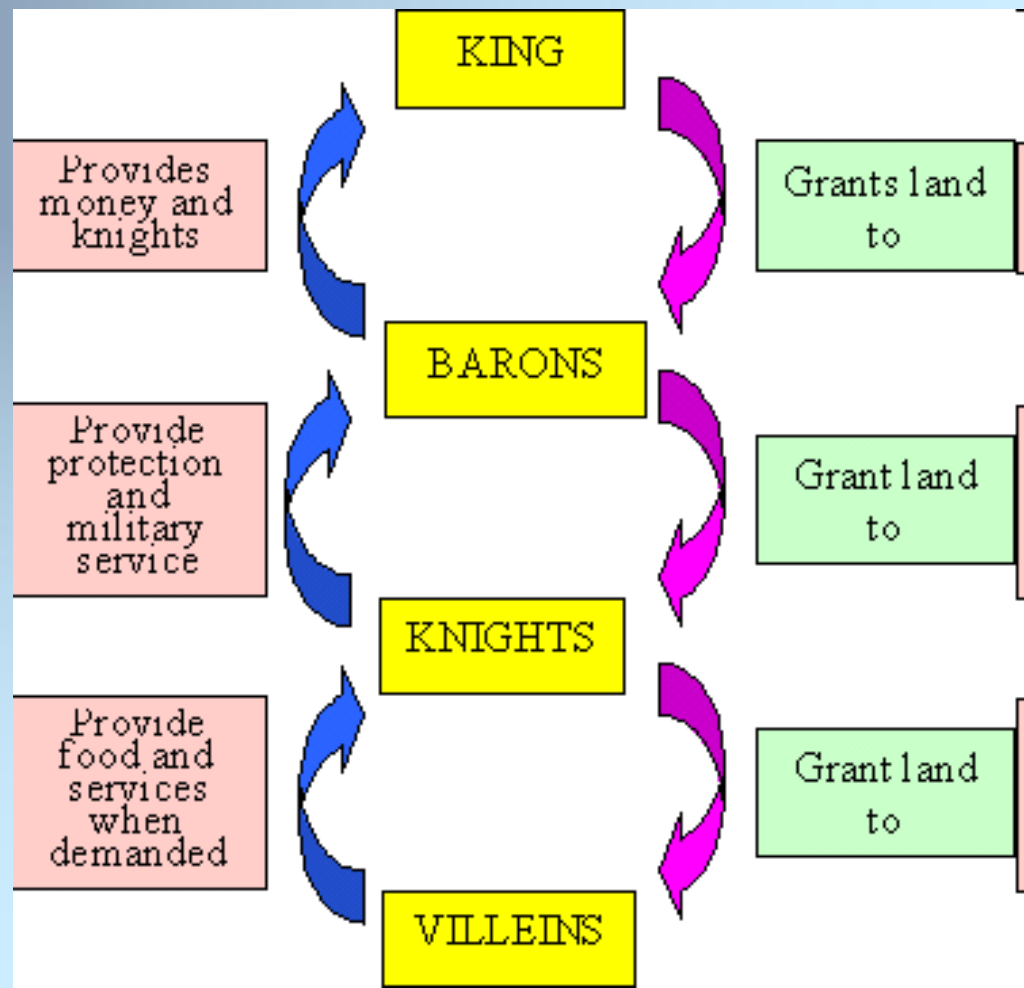
lay (and clerical) elite

Vassal = Celtic for “servant”

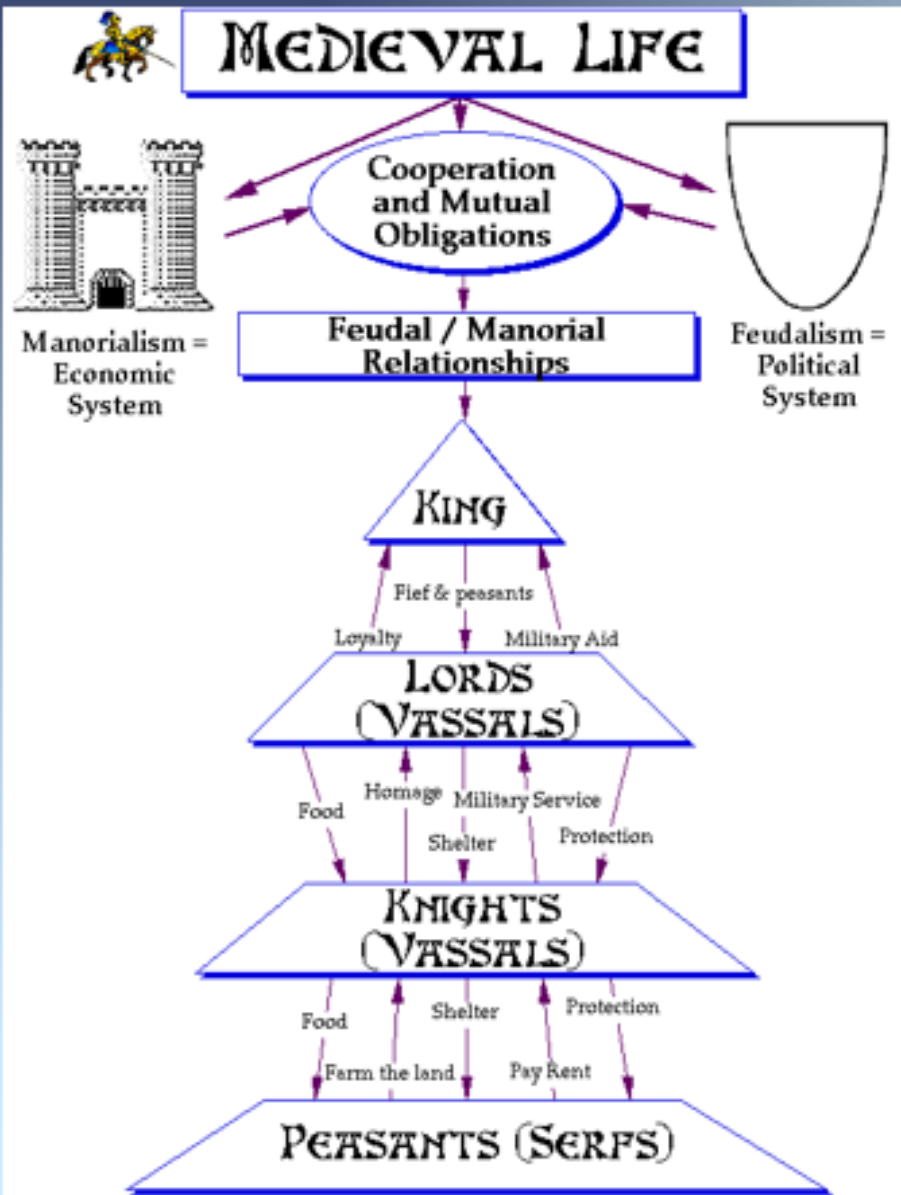
Homage = “Homme” – man

Fief = grant of land, etc.
(rhymes with leaf)

*In democracy it's your vote that counts;
In feudalism it's your count that votes*



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Manorialism

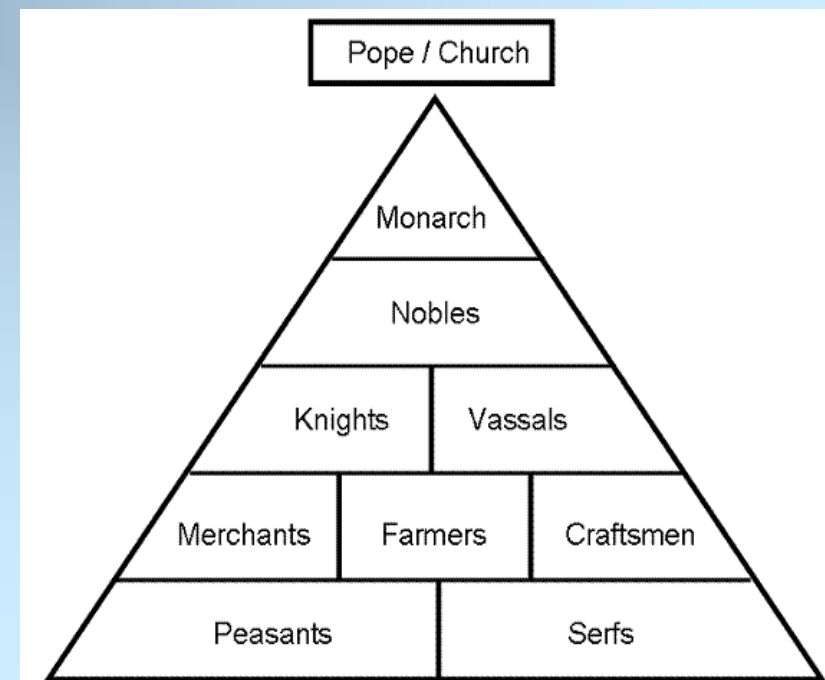
economic organization

Serfs = “servus” slave

a slave that could not be sold

Peasants = Freeman (10%)

Villeins (in the city-villains)



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Feudalism

Lay (and clerical) elite
Nobles & Bishops

Top 5%

Very little “cash wages” so how did the peasants merchants and farmers pay their taxes?

Half of Taxpayers Paid 97.7 Percent of Federal Income Taxes

Shares of Adjusted Gross Income and Federal Income Taxes Paid by Income Group in 2021



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Figure 2. Income Tax Share by AGI Bracket Range (2022)

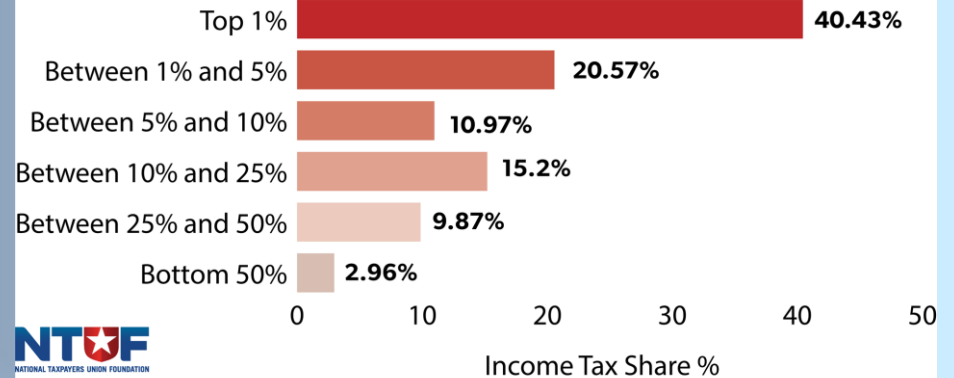


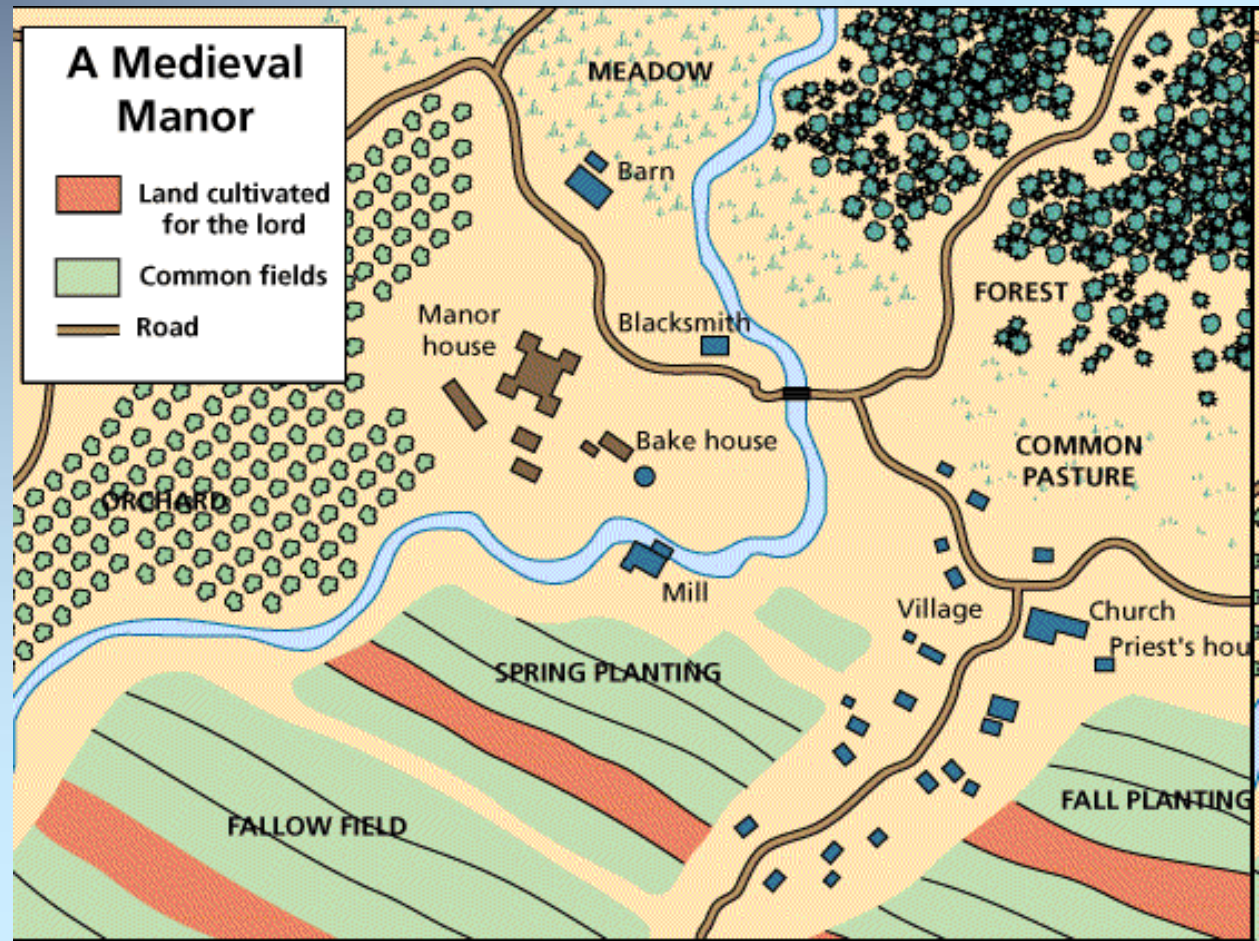
Table 1. Who Pays Income Taxes: Tax Year 2022

Percentages Ranked by AGI	AGI Threshold on Percentiles	Adjusted Gross Income Share	Share of Federal Personal Income Tax Paid
Top 1%	\$663,164	22.40%	40.40%
Top 5%	\$261,591	38.30%	61.00%
Top 10%	\$178,611	49.40%	72.00%
Top 25%	\$99,857	69.90%	87.20%
Top 50%	\$50,339	88.50%	97.00%
Bottom 50%	<\$50,339	11.50%	3.00%



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Manorialism economic organization



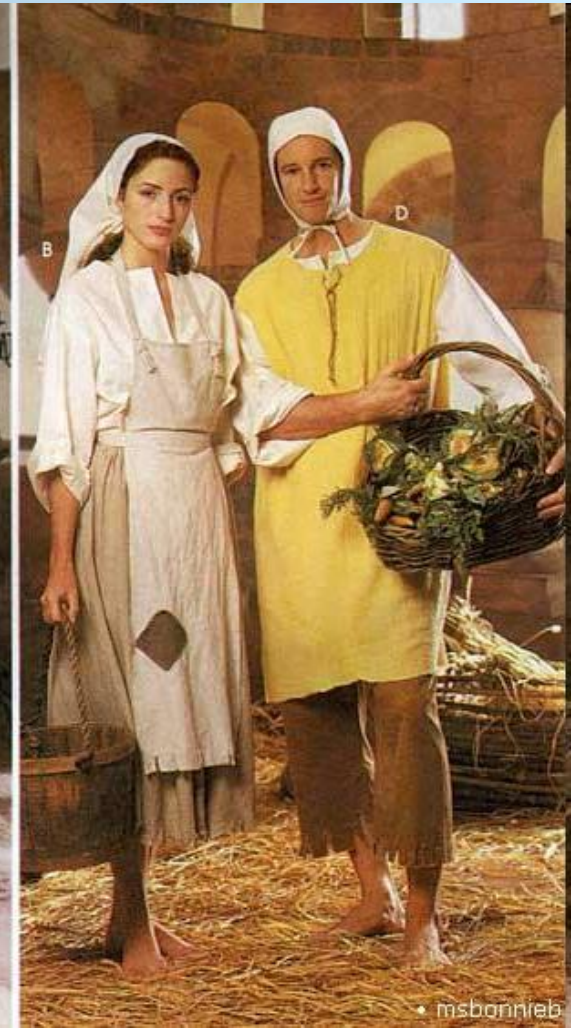
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Peasant Life

Traces of latifundia

Slaves = Slavs

heavy plow = farming
becomes “men’s work”



Next Up... another Exam (and Fall Break)

