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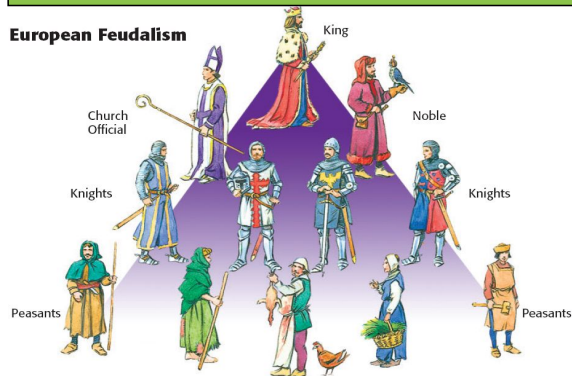
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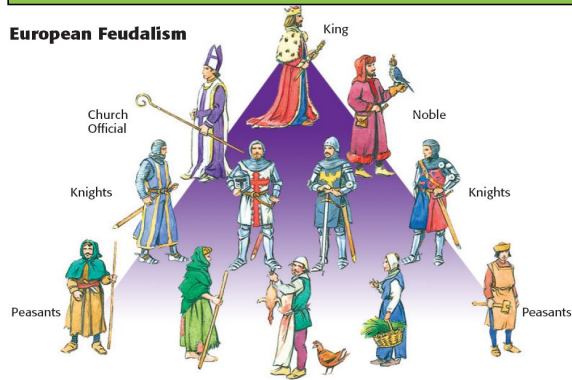


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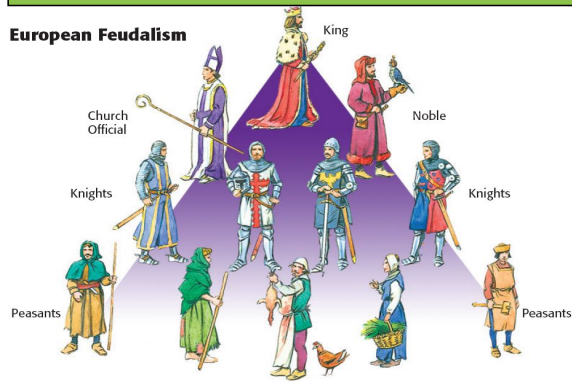


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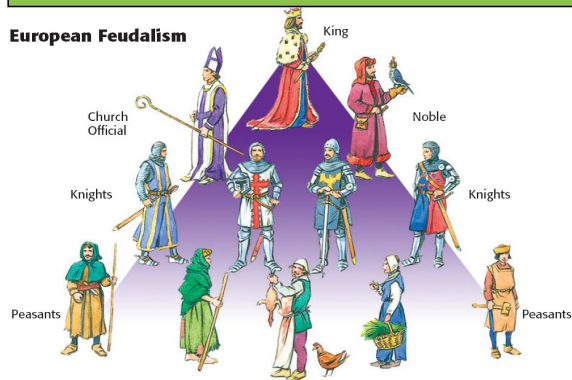
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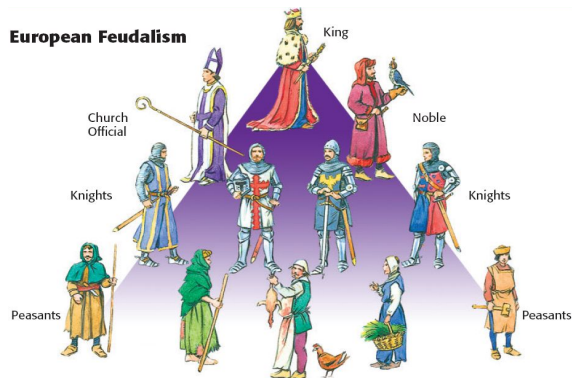
The Pope had power over the peasants

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The Crusades stimulated trade & led to the rise of cities in Europe

This trade sparked the Renaissance & weakened the power of feudal lords

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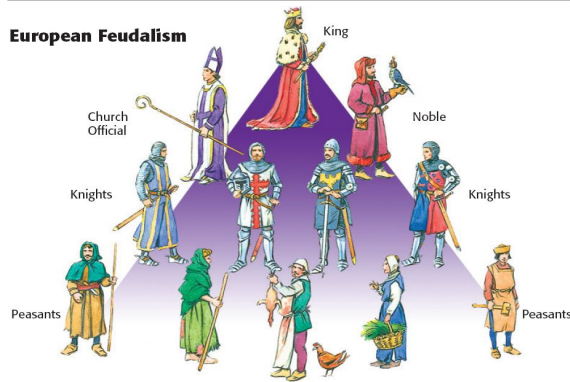
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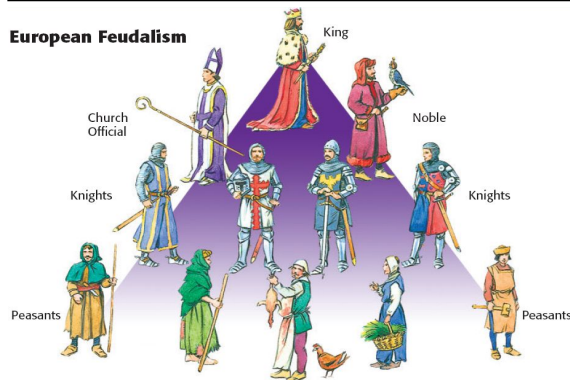
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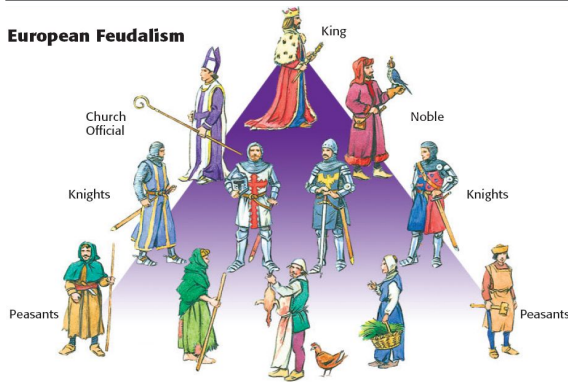
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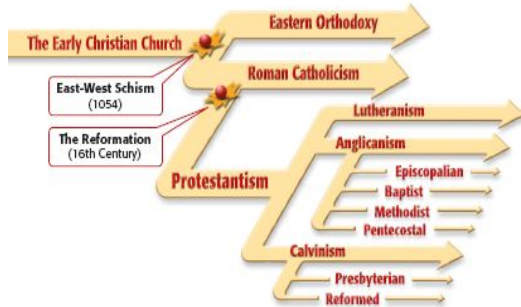
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The power of the Catholic Church weakened as a result of the Crusades & the Protestant Reformation

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Some monarchs used exploration to gain colonies and to increase their wealth & power

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Absolute monarchs believed in divine right, the idea that God created the monarchy & kings answered only to God, not the people

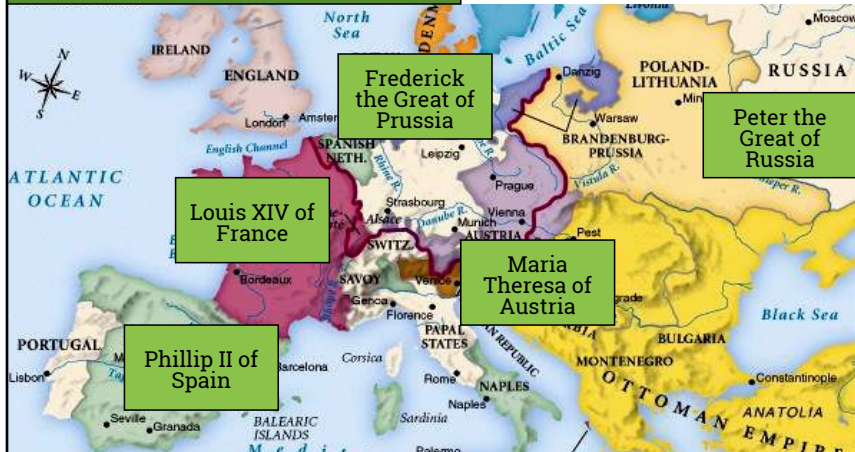
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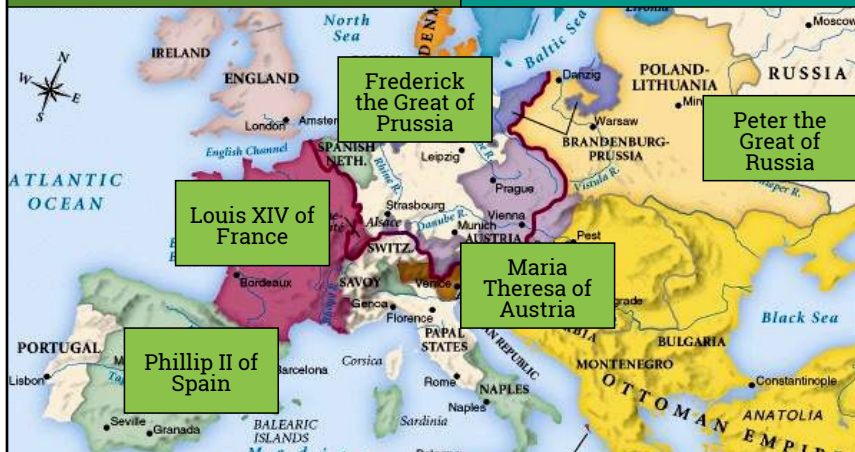
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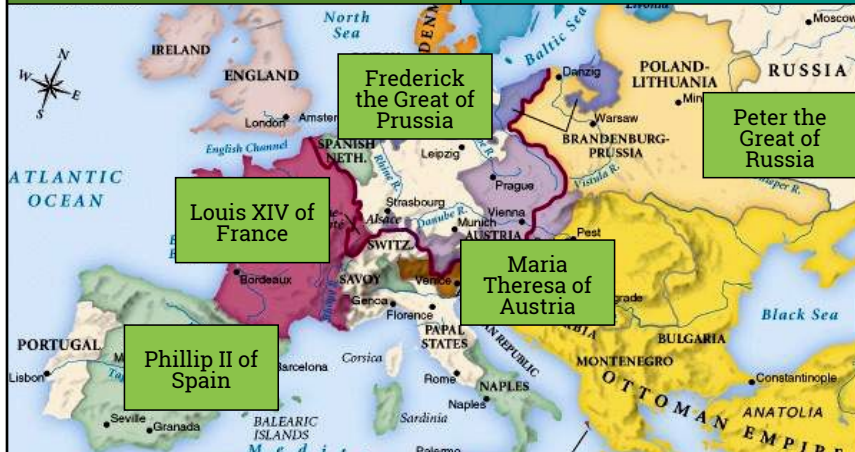
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Absolute monarchs controlled everything in their nations, including taxes, religion, military, & economy