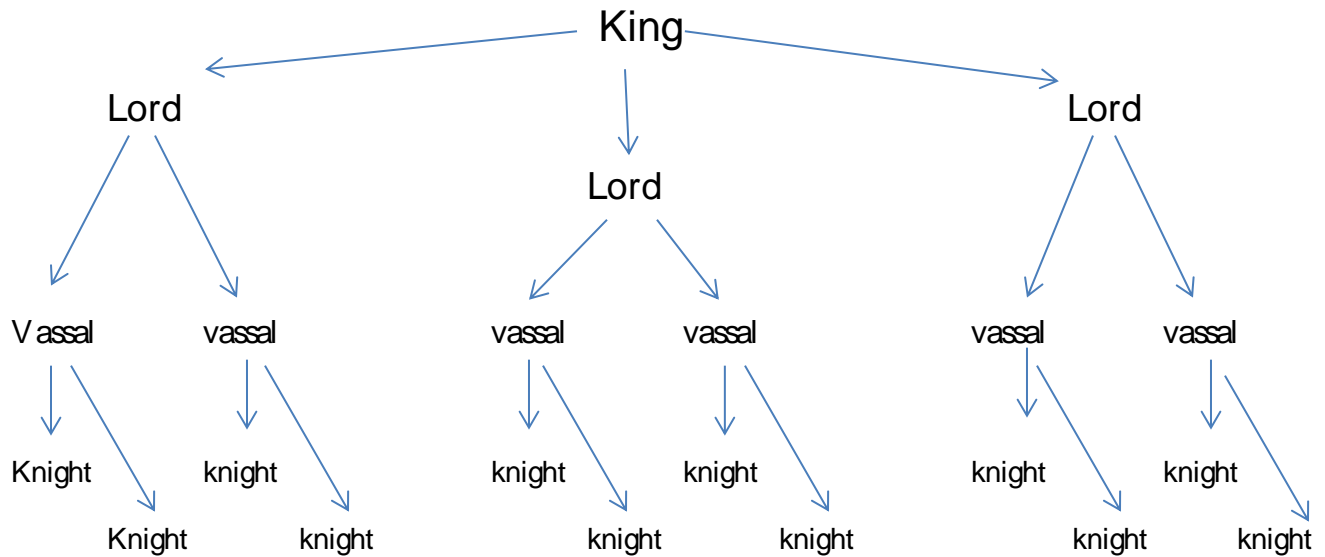


# A cross the Centuries: Chapter 10

## Feudal Europe and Japan Study Guide ~ Tausch

Short Answer: 2 points

1. Be able to draw a diagram of the European Feudal hierarchy system. See below:



Why did Feudalism come to an end?

- The bonds of loyalty broke – from lords to the King to vassals and knights.
- People that lived in the country (manors) started to move back into towns.

What conditions gave rise to feudalism in Europe?

Answer:

1. Landowners needed workers to work on their lands.
2. Europe was controlled by warring barbarians.
3. Landowners needed knights to protect their land.
4. Peasants needed protection.

## What is the Magna Carta?

Definition: The first document which established that no one was above the law, not even the king.

### **What is its impact on the United States today?**

It was the foundation of our Bill of Rights – Amendments 5 and 6.

Amendment 5: A person accused of a crime must be given “due process”. That is, all laws and rules must be followed in that person’s trial.

Amendment 6: A person accused of a crime has a right to a speedy trial.

## Vocabulary to Know:

- Chivalry
- Oath of fealty
- Hierarchy
- Serfs
- Absolute monarchy
- Feudalism

## Other Important Facts:

- Life in castles was uncomfortable.
- The early part of the Middle Ages was called The Dark Ages.
- The main reason for feudalism in Europe was the need for protection.
- Trade was the most important thing in the Middle Ages.
- Technology that helped farmers in The Middle Ages was horseshoes and spade shovels.
- Loyalty is the most important quality in feudalism.
- Populations in towns dramatically decreased after The Fall of the Roman Empire.
- Clergy had the most comfortable lives during The Middle Ages.
- Americans who are accused of a crime must be given \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The dominant religion in Europe during The Middle Ages was Christianity.
- The educational system of the Europeans during The Middle Ages was \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Study this table:**

	<b>Knight</b>	<b>Samurai</b>
Society	Feudal Europe	Feudal Japan
Style of Battle	Horseback; lances	Swords; arrows
Code of Honor	Chivalry	Bushido
Period of Importance	800's-1300's	1100's-1800's

**Japanese Feudalism, European Feudalism, or BOTH**

**Japanese Feudalism:**

Members of this warrior class often became government administrators.  
This feudal arrangement lasted the longest.

**European Feudalism:**

Christianity is this system's religion.

**BOTH:**

Had specially trained warrior class  
The warrior's code of conduct emphasized loyalty and honorable behavior.  
Both systems warrior class rode on horseback and wore armor.