

CLASS:-11TH, HISTORY NOTES,

The Three order

Socio-economic and Political changes which occurred in western Europe between the 9th and 16th Centuries. After the fall of the Roman Empire, Many groups of Germanic People occupied regions of Italy, Spain and France.

The three orders are three social categories :

Christian ,priests, landowning nobles & peasants .

The term '**feudalism**' has been used by historians to describe the economic, legal, political and social relationships that existed in Europe in the medieval era.

THE THREE ORDER

First Order

Priests (The Clergy)

- The Catholic Church
- Europe guided by bishops and clerics.
- Pope lived in Rome
- Women could not be become priests
- Monks
- The church and Society

Second Order

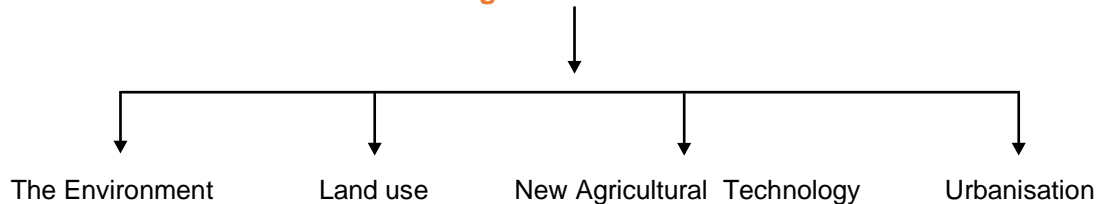
Nobles

- Vassals of the king
- enjoyed a privileged status
- Absolute control over property
- Could raise troops
- even coin his own money

Third Order

- Peasants
- Free peasants and serfs
- Serfs cultivated plots of land, but these belonged to the lord.

Factors affecting Social and Economic Relations.



Cathedral - Towns :

From the twelfth century, large churches - called cathedrals - were being built in France. These belonged to the monasteries Cathedrals were built of stone. The area around the cathedrals became more populated and they became centres of pilgrimage.

Small towns developed around them. Stained glass was used for windows of the Cathedrals. During the day the sunlight would make them radiant and after Sunset, the light of candles would make them visible to people outside. The stained glass narrated the stories in the Bible through Pictures.