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THREE ORDER

Meaning of Feudalism

- The term '**feudalism**' is derived from a German word 'feud' which means '**a piece of land**'.
- It refers to the kind of society that developed in Medieval France and later in England and Italy.
- Feudalism was a system that centred around the principles of land related matters.
- Historians used the term feudalism to describe the economic, legal, political and social relationships that existed in Europe in the medieval

Features of feudalism in Europe

- The roots of feudalism can be traced back to the practices that existed in the Roman Empire.
- Feudalism became an established way of life during the era of French king Charlemagne.
- It was said to be emerged later and spread in whole Europe later.

Economic Structure

- **Feudalism refers to a kind of an agricultural production which was based on the relationship between the lords and peasants.**
- **The peasants cultivated their own land and worked on the lands of the lords also.**
- **In lieu of labour service ,peasants received military protection from the lord.**
- **The lords also decided the judicial matters of the peasants.**
- **Therefore ,that lord was all in all proprietors of lands and peasant's fortunes.**
- **Thus ,besides economic aspects,feudalism also began to cover the political and social aspects of life.**