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Sources to understand Medieval European society

- There is a lot of material in the form of documents, details of landowner ship, ,prices and legal cases.
- Churches had kept records of births ,marriages and deaths .
- The inscriptions in churches give information about traders' associations,and songs and stories give a sense of festivals and community activities.

All these can be used to understand economic and social life.

Condition of Europe on the eve of rising feudalism

- There were some socio-political changes that occurred in Europe between the ninth and and sixteenth centuries.
- After the decline of the Roman Empire, several Germanic groups of people of eastern and central Europe captured areas of Italy,Spain and France.
- Due to the absence of a single political power, there were regular military clashes in order to gather resources to continue hold on own land.
- Social institution was therefore revolved around the control of land. Christianity was the religion of land as it was spread in almost whole Europe. The church was not only a religious institution but also a political power.
- The church was a major land holder in Europe