**II. Feudalism**

1. Western Europe Attacked

* **800-1000 –**
* **Vikings –**
* Viking ships weight 20 tons but can float in 3 feet of water and be carried over land
* **Leif Erickson –**
* Europe’s greatest pirates
* Often times went from one monastery to another stealing their wealth
* Eventually results in rich nobles building wall cities for protection

1. Magyars & Muslims Attack

* **Magyars –**
* Did not settle on captured land, but caused damage and took slaves
* **Muslims –**
* Muslims took over much of Spain

1. Results of Invasions

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1. Structure of Feudalism

* Based on rights and obligations and the control of land
* **King –**
* **Lord –**
* **Vassal (Nobles) –**
* **Knights –**
* **Serfs –**
* Were not allowed to leave their lord’s land
* Bound to the land but were not slaves

1. Three Major Social Medieval Social Classes

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1. Manorial System

* **Manor –** A lord’s estate
* Basic economic arrangement of the Middle Ages
* Lords provided serfs with housing, farmland, and protection

1. Harshness of Life

* Peasants were forced to pay high taxes to lords
* **Tithe –**
* Life expectance was 35
* Serfs accepted their lives because they believed God determined one’s place in society