Europe's High Middle Ages

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1. The Battle of Hastings

•	Fought between and	
•	's forces won and he became King of England	
•	The battle was hugely significant for two reasons	
•	First, it marked the point at which	
•	The knight would keep this for a f	ew
	centuries	
	2. The Feudal System	
•	The second main reason the battle was so significant is because	
•	Feudalism was based on,, an	nd
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•	The centre of feudal life was the	

•	The's main purpose was
•	The feudal system was based on the ""
•	Land was the basis of all wealth, and land was
•	Religious faith
•	The king provided nobles with
•	In exchange, the nobles
•	With that loyalty came a few obligations
	1. Serve in the king's army for a certain number of days each year (usually
	around 40)
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	3. Serve in the king's
	4. Give the king
•	The nobles got not only land from the king, but also

•	A noble who pledged his loyalty to the king was called the king's
•	Those nobles could reach similar arrangements with
•	And on it went
•	At the bottom of the social pyramid were
•	owned the land they worked and paid the lord an annual
•	were considered property and paid the lord through their work