

Section 1: The Middle Ages Outline for Exam

- 1). Central authority collapsed when this empire disappeared?

- 2). Describe how the feudal system was founded upon brute strength?

- 3). What was the feudal contract?

- 4). What was the name of the Duke of Normandy that led the invasion of England in 1066 AD?

- 5). Describe what “dual-fealty” was.

- 6). What was the most common type of fief?

- 7). For what reason did towns develop around market places?

- 8). In what way did Henry II weaken the feudal system in England?

- 9). What was the *Magna Carta*?

19). In the feudal system, describe a situation in which it was possible for a vassal to become more powerful than their lord.

20). Why did kings encourage the growth of medieval towns?

21). In what sense was feudalism a “hierarchical” political system?

22). What were the inherent problems of the feudal system?

23). In what respect were serfs like slaves? And in what way were they unlike slaves?

24). Explain why the population of Europe increased so rapidly during the Middle Ages.