

The feudal system – how it worked.

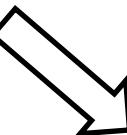


William the Conqueror

King William (allocated land to nobles who had given support).



Nobles (<300)
Earls, Counts, Barons
Given control over land and in return provide soldiers for the king.



Knights (several thousand)
Given control over manors and provided soldiers for their lord.



Peasants (workers)
(<2 Million)
Rented land from knight and worked for him in return.

