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Social Studies – Feudalism Study Guide

Directions: Write the definition for the following vocabulary words.

1. Feudalism - _____

2. Fief - _____

3. Vassal - _____

4. Siege - _____

5. Lord - _____

6. Serf - _____

7. Manor - _____

8. Feudalism - _____

9. Castle - _____

10. Fortress - _____

11. Code of Chivalry - _____

12. Lady - _____

13. Tournament - _____

14. Siege Tower - _____

Directions: Fill in the blank.

The feudal system had a hierarchy of people. The leaders were the _____ and _____. They ruled over huge pieces of land similar to today's countries. Under them were the _____ and _____. They were sometimes referred to as _____ and they were powerful because the king gave them large pieces of land to manage called _____. Those fiefs were divided up into _____ where many people would work together in a community. _____ and _____ would work for the lords and ladies and do various jobs.

A knight in training was sent away at the age of _____ or _____ to live with a relative and serve as a _____. Pageboys waited on tables, practiced riding skills and fighting with toy swords. At age 12, a pageboy became a _____, a personal servant to a knight. A squire helped the knight into his uniform, cared for his horse, and cleaned his weapons. Between the ages of 16 and 20, a squire would become a knight. Once a young man became a knight, he had to be ready for wartime. They were loyal to the lords and their job was to protect the lord from his enemies. To stay in shape, knights competed in _____ to practice their skills, earn money, and gain honor.

Directions: Answer the following question with a list.

What are the features of a good castle?
