

Writing Assignment – Due Tuesday, March 6

Answer the following in paragraph form:

Describe feudalism and the manor system.

Describe the position of each class within that system (lords, vassals, knights, and peasants).

How did invasions (like those by the Vikings) influence the feudal system?

Create a short introduction (thesis statement) that is one or two sentences.

Use evidence and examples to support your answers.

Your answer should be approximately **250-300 words**.

Rubric:

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Thesis Statement(s) / Introduction	The thesis statement names the topic of the essay and outlines the main points to be discussed.	The thesis statement names the topic of the essay, but not the main points.	The thesis statement outlines some or all of the main points to be discussed but does not name the topic.	The thesis statement does not name the topic AND does not preview what will be discussed.	No essay turned in.
Evidence and Examples	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.	No essay turned in.
Accuracy	All supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Almost all supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics were inaccurately reported.	No essay turned in.
Organization / Clarity	Information is well organized with well-constructed paragraph(s).	Information is organized with well-constructed paragraph(s). Minor changes should be made to enhance understanding.	Information is organized, but paragraph(s) are not well-constructed. Difficult to follow and understand.	The information appears to be disorganized. Difficult to follow and understand.	No essay turned in.