**Key Terms #7 The Middle Ages**

1. **Feudalism**-a political system based on mutual obligation. Lords, vassals, and knights exchange land and protection for military service and loyalty.
2. **Manor System**-an economic system based on self-sufficiency, where peasants or serfs produce everything that is needed on a manor or fief controlled by the lord.
3. **Fief**- a large area of land granted to a vassal in exchange for their loyalty.
4. **Chivalry**-a code of honor, respect, and loyalty that knights are expected to follow.
5. **Cavalry**-fighting on horseback; ex: armored knights.
6. **1st estate**-clergy
7. **2nd estate**-nobility, including lords, vassals, and knights
8. **3rd estate**-peasants and serfs
9. **clergy**-people who work for the Catholic Church, including bishops, monks, nuns, and priests
10. **Pope**-the earthly leader of the Catholic Church
11. **Magna Carta**-a document that English nobles forced the king to sign that limits the power of the king and grants certain rights to the nobility and to free men.
12. **Schism**-a split; in the Middle Ages there were two schisms in the Catholic Church.