

Feudalism

(noun)

a social system that existed in Europe during the Middle Ages in which people worked and fought for nobles who gave them protection and the use of land in return.

Etymology: The Old English word is *feoh* meaning livestock, cattle; movable property; possessions in livestock, goods, or money; riches, treasure, wealth; money as a medium of exchange or payment. Originally from Middle English combining old French and Germanic word 'fee' meaning 'cattle'



Synonyms

- Servitude
- Peonage
- enslavement

Sentences containing the noun 'Feudalism':

- Feudalism was a set of legal and military customs in medieval Europe that flourished between the 9th & 15th centuries.
- Feudalism is commonly known as the Feudal system.



French translation: **féodalité**

Antonyms

- Freedom
- Independence