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| Word | Definition | Definition in Your Own Words | Sentence, Picture or Example |
| **Medieval** | pertaining to the Middle Ages |  |  |
| **Manorialism** | economic system of the Middle Ages involving agricultural work by peasants |  |  |
| **Interdict** | decision by the pope to forbid sacraments to be given to a community of people (ex. Communion, baptism..) |  |  |
| **Common law** | laws that come from court or judges’ decisions |  |  |
| **Inquisition** | a court created by the Catholic Church to try heretics (people going against the church) |  |  |
| **Patriarch** | Leader of Eastern Orthodox Church; also refers to the male head of a family or male leader |  |  |
| **Feudalism** | political system of the Middle Ages; nobility offered serfs protection in return for work |  |  |
| **Serf** | Peasant bound to the land; uneducated poor farmers |  |  |
| **Charter** | written document outlining the organization of a colony or community |  |  |
| **Due process of law** | administering law equally to all people |  |  |
| **Crusades** | military conflicts between Christians and Muslims |  |  |
| **Icon** | a picture or image |  |  |
| **Vassal** | a man who serves another |  |  |
| **Chivalry** | code of conduct for Knights; expected behaviors |  |  |
| **Partnerships** | two or more people working together towards a goal |  |  |
| **Habeas corpus** | right to be stand before a judge and be told charges against you |  |  |
| **Scholasticism** | learning approach to show reason was supported by faith, and religious faith can be supported by reason |  |  |
| **Schism** | a division or separation; split |  |  |
| **Codify** | to categorize or arrange a collection (of laws) |  |  |
| **Sacrament** | Christian rites such as communion or baptism |  |  |
| **Guild** | groups of craftsmen or traders; a business association |  |  |
| **Parliament** | legislature of England; members were nobles |  |  |
| **Epidemic** | the quick spread of a disease |  |  |
| **Autocrat** | a person who rules with absolute power |  |  |
| **Fief** | land given to a vassal |  |  |
| **Excommunication** | to exclude or ban from the church; no sacraments given |  |  |
| **Apprentice** | a person who works with someone in order to learn a skill |  |  |
| **Heresy** | disagreeing with church practices or beliefs |  |  |
| **Magna Carta** | document signed by the king which recognized rights of the nobles |  |  |
| **Civil law** | laws dealing with private, not criminal, matters (ex – property ownership, contracts) |  |  |
| **Ism** | Belief in/condition of |  |  |
| **Ade** | Result of action |  |  |
| **Magna** | Great |  |  |
| **Inter** | Between |  |  |
| **Ion** | Act of |  |  |
| **Ex** | Out |  |  |
| **Arch** | Rule |  |  |
| **Auto** | Self |  |  |
| **Crat** | Rule |  |  |
| **Civ** | citizen |  |  |