

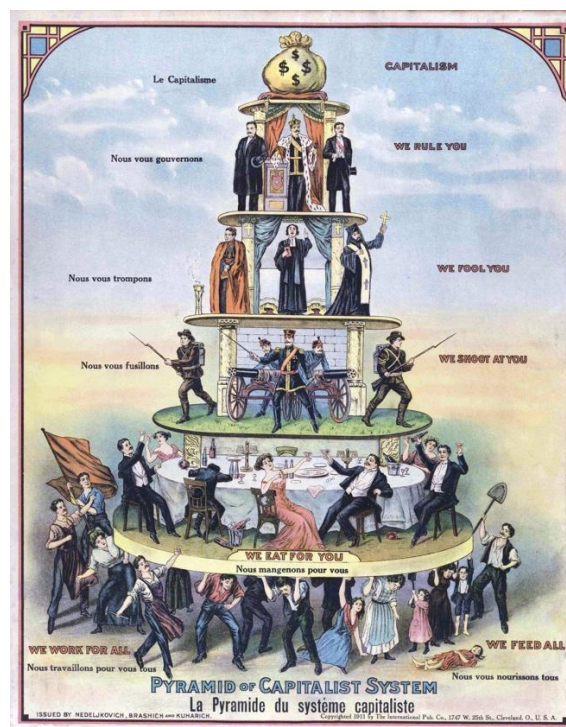
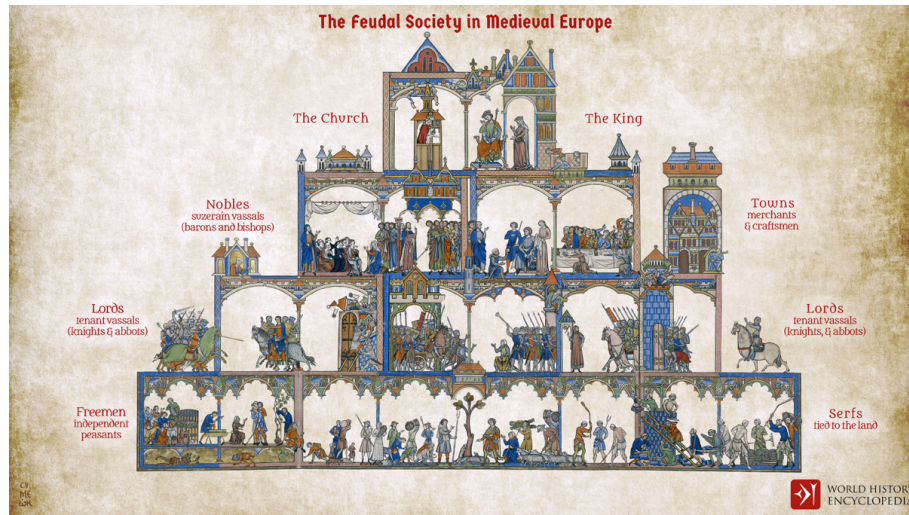
PYRAMIDS OF SOCIETY

Purpose

Examine two pyramid-shaped illustrations of Western society during different historical periods. This will help you start thinking about how economic systems changed and affected societies during industrialization.

Process

1. Compare the two illustrations and fill in the table that follows:



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	<i>The Feudal Society in Medieval Europe</i>	<i>Pyramid of Capitalist System</i>
What stands out to you the most when you first look at this image?		
According to this illustration, who is at the top of society?		
According to this illustration, who is at the bottom of society?		

2. Now, based on the illustrations, answer the following prompts:

- What are some similarities between the feudal system and the capitalist system? (If you're stuck, consider the conditions of the different groups of people, the basis for people's status, and the opportunities they had for mobility.)

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- What are some differences between the feudal system and the capitalist system?



- Do you think the capitalist system was a revolutionary transformation from the feudal system, or did the structure of the social pyramid remain basically the same?

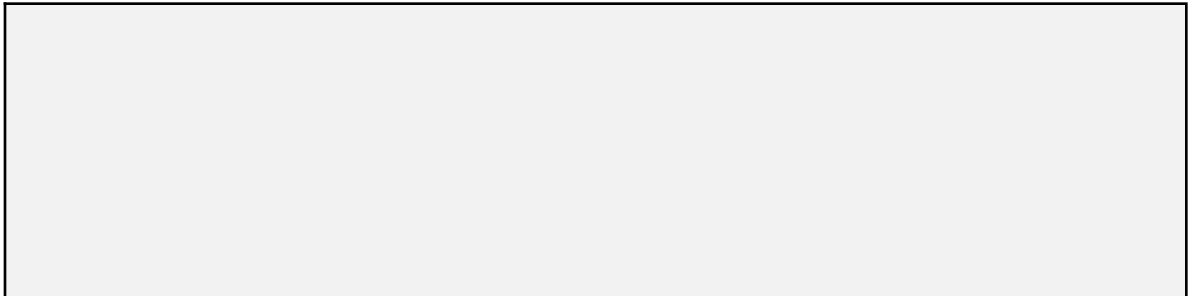


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