



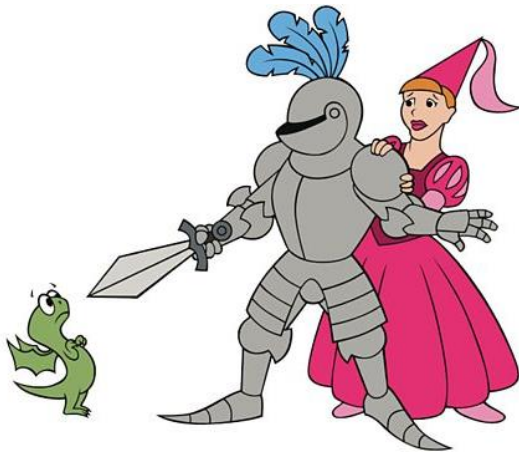
CHIVALRY

Definition: A member of the lowest feudal class; poor, uneducated laborers who lived and worked on the land owned by the nobles.
Context: The peasants were the economic backbone of society, growing the crops and producing the other goods that everyone needed.



PEASANT

Definition: People under the lord's rule/an agricultural labourer bound by the feudal system who was tied to working on his lord's estate.
Context: They had to stay on the lord's lands forever. In some places, they had to ask for permission to get married. They did not earn any money for their work. They were part of the fief, part of the manor (land owned by the lord). Serfs' children became serfs too.



SERF

Definition: the medieval knightly system with its religious, moral, and social code.