

FEUDALISM AND MANOR LIFE

Chapter 17 Section 3

FEUDALISM

■ Nobles:

- Nobles could not depend on king's protection and had to defend their own land.
- They did this through knights.

■ Knights:

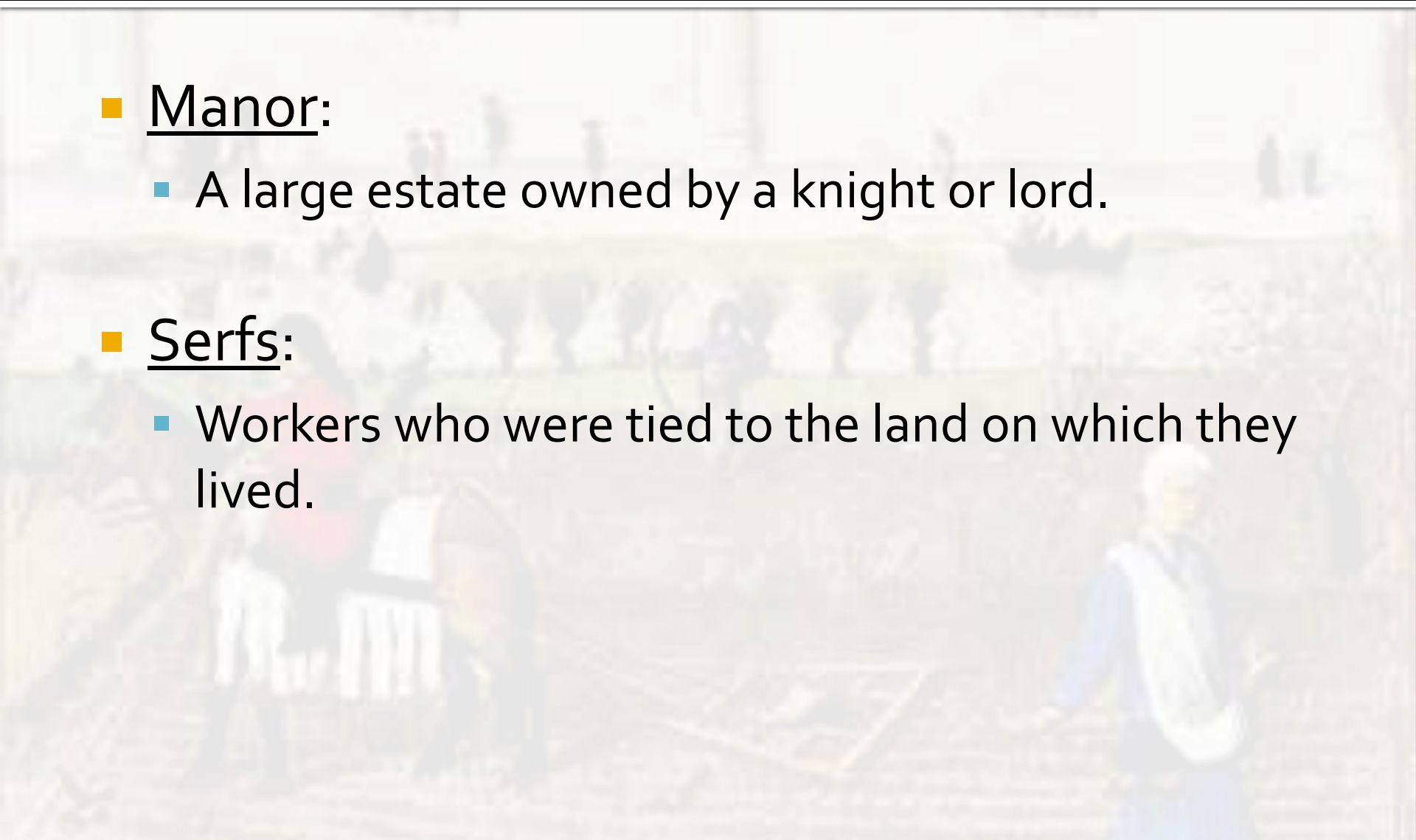
- Warriors who fought on horseback.
- Needed: weapons, armor, and horses = expensive
- Earned fiefs from nobles in exchange for protection.
 - Fief (feud) is a piece of land

Feudalism Vocabulary

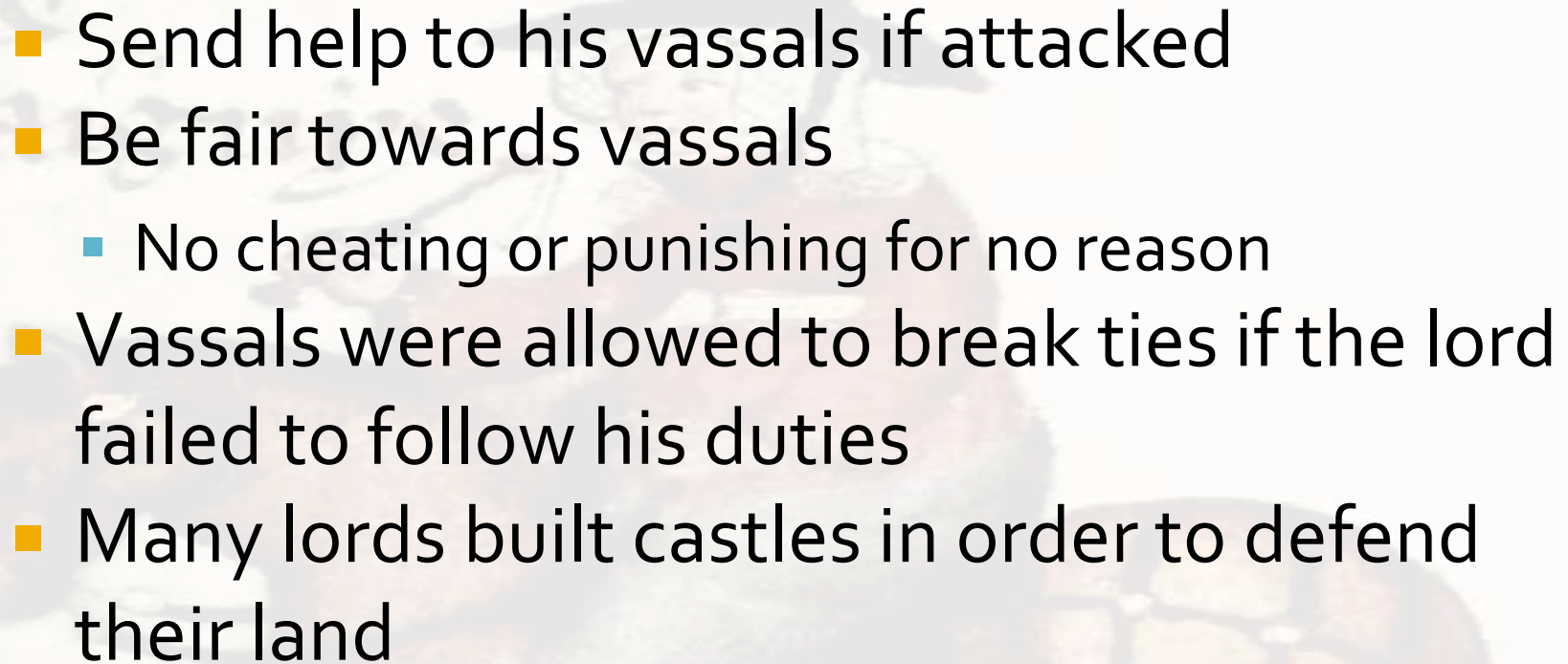
- Vassal:
 - A knight who promised to support a lord in exchange for land.
 - Vassals swore to always remain loyal to lord.
- Feudalism:
 - The system of promises that governed the relationships between lords and vassals.

Manor Life

- Manor:
 - A large estate owned by a knight or lord.
- Serfs:
 - Workers who were tied to the land on which they lived.



Lord's Duties

- Send help to his vassals if attacked
 - Be fair towards vassals
 - No cheating or punishing for no reason
 - Vassals were allowed to break ties if the lord failed to follow his duties
 - Many lords built castles in order to defend their land
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Vassal's Duties

- Fight with lord when at war
- Give lords money on special occasions
- Give lord food and shelter if he came to visit
- A vassal could become a lord if he gained enough land
- Could accept fiefs from two different lords

Feudalism Spreads

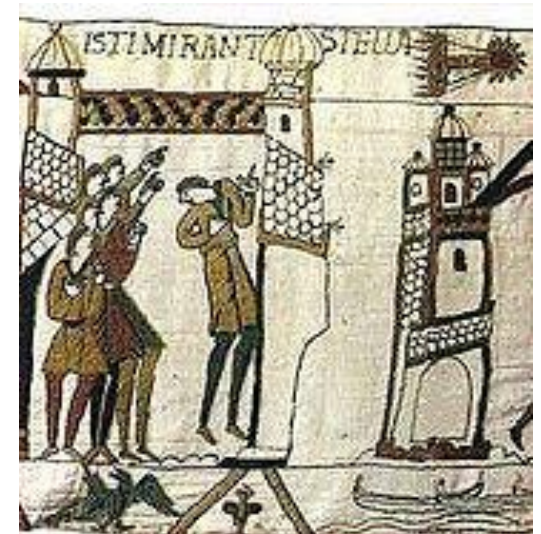
- 1st created by the Franks (Charlemagne)
- In 1000's, Feudalism spread to northern Italy, Spain, and Germany
- Began spreading in Eastern Europe too
- Reached Britain in 1000's via French noble named William

William the Conqueror

- Decided to conquer England in 1066
- He and his knights sailed to England and defeated the English king in a battle near the town of Hastings
- William then declared himself the new King of England
- He became known as William the Conqueror
- As a reward, his knights received large estates of land in England.

William the Conqueror

- Battle of Hastings – 1066
- Bayeux Tapestry

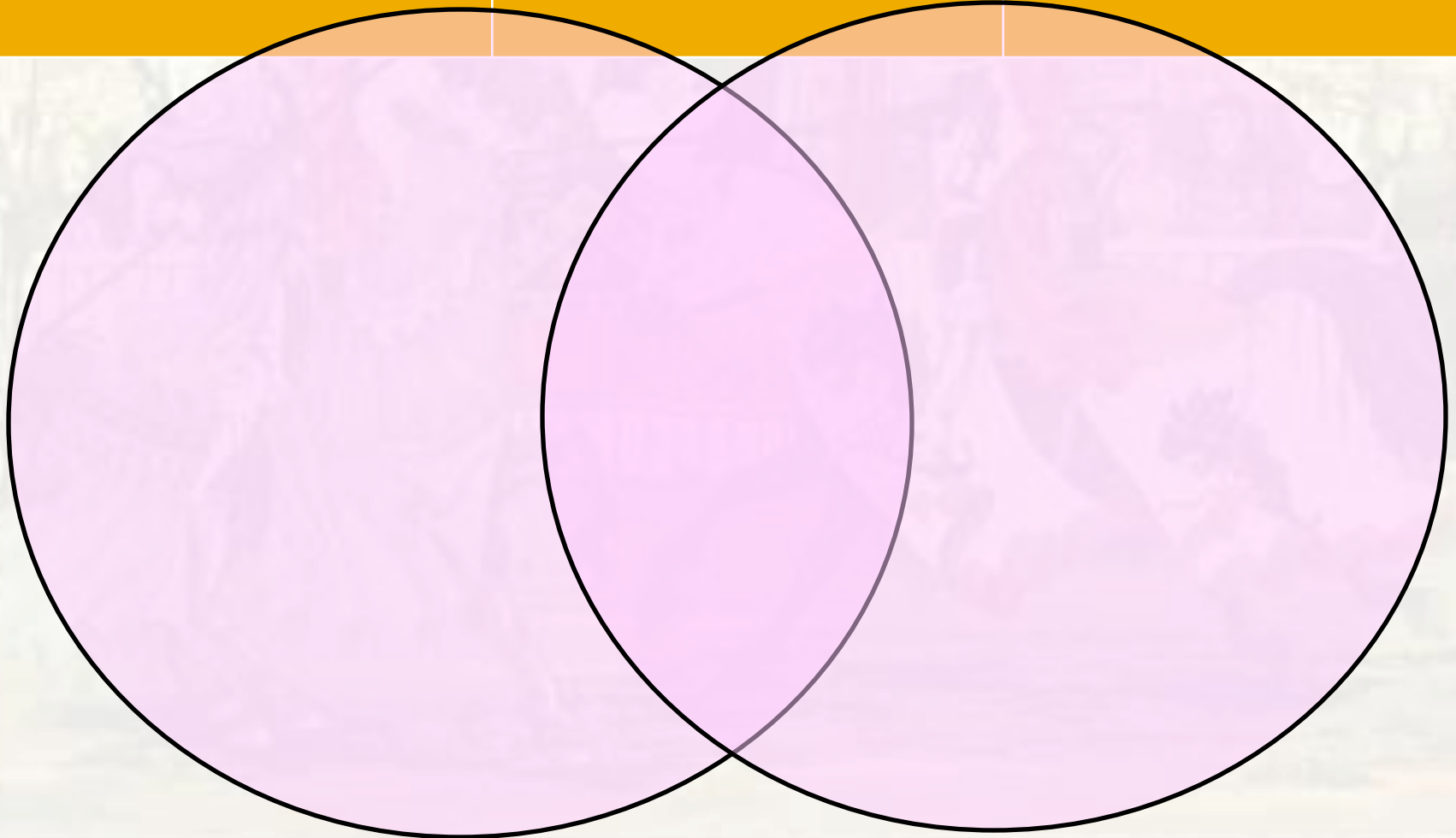


Compare and Contrast

Manor

Similarities

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