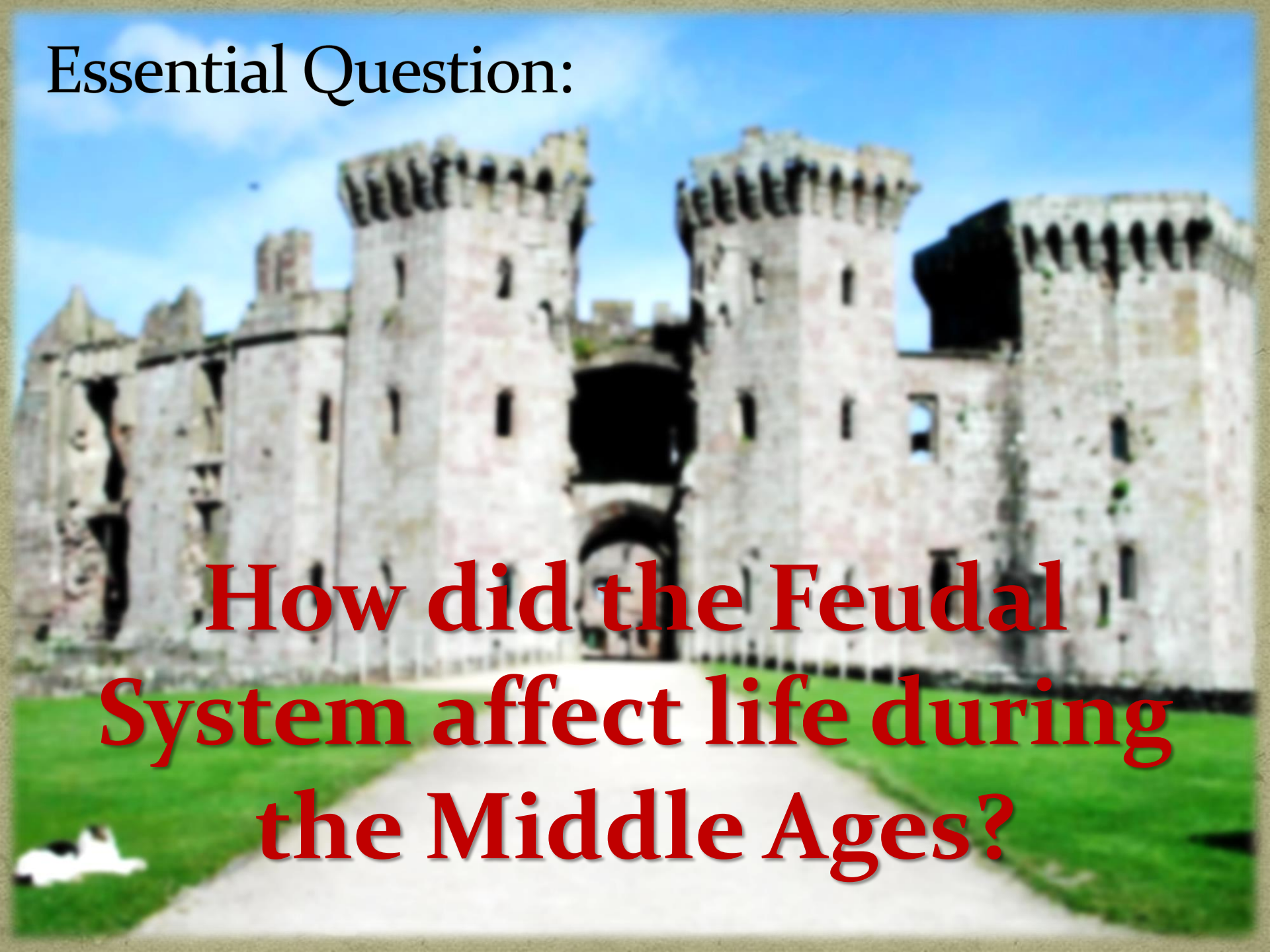




# The Medieval World

Essential Question:

**How did the Feudal System affect life during the Middle Ages?**

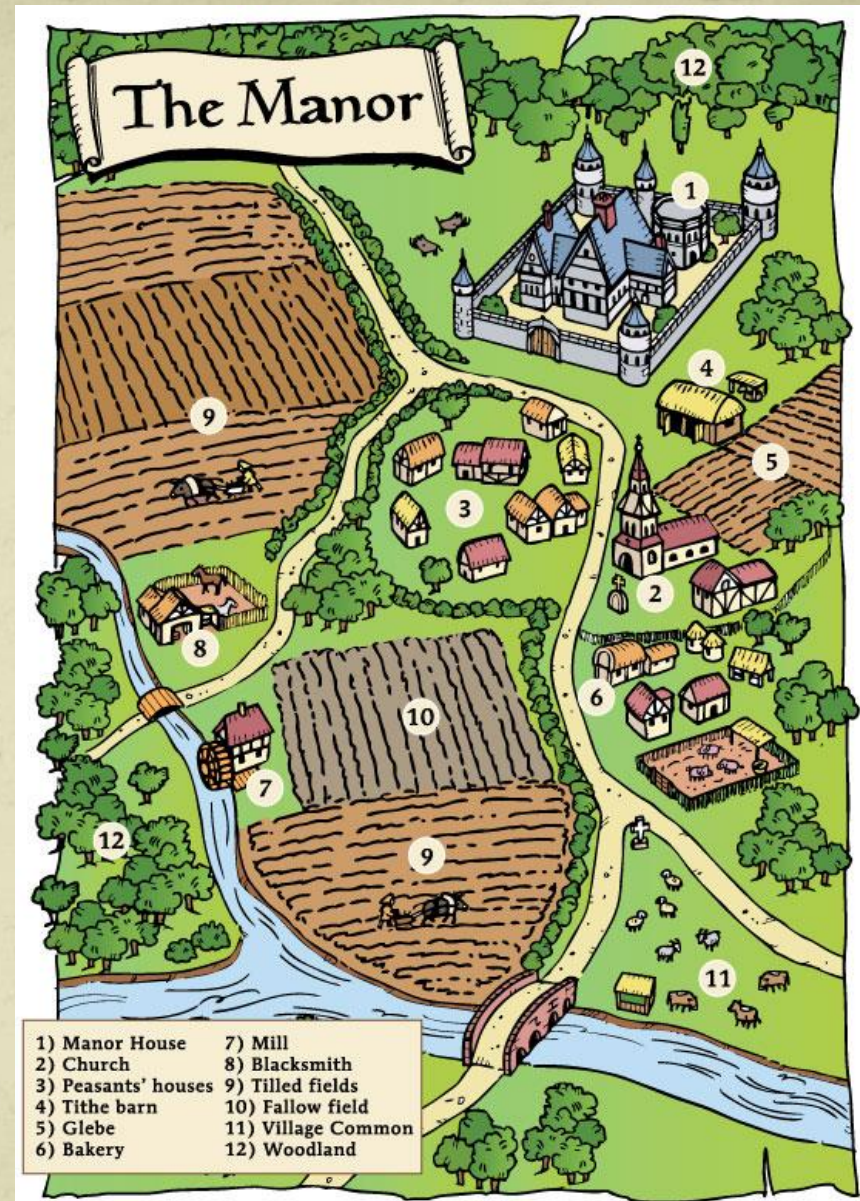


# What type of people were able to own land?

- The period of history known as the Middle Ages took place between **A.D. 500** and about the 1400's
- The Middle Ages began with the **FALL** of the Western Roman Empire
- With the breakdown of the roman Empire, many small **KINGDOMS** arose
- The economy changed, trade stopped, and only the **WEALTHY** owned land



- Large land estates called **MANORS** were owned by wealthy nobles
- The workers were known as **SERFS**, they did not have much more freedom than slaves did, but they could not be bought or sold

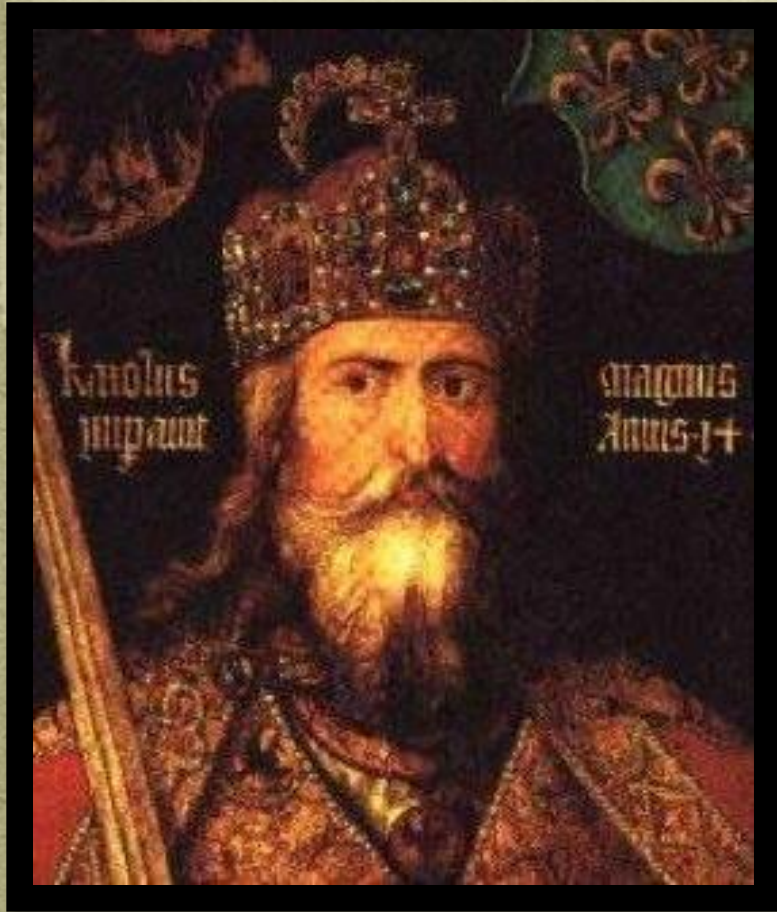




**What type of people were able to own land?**


# A New Kingdom

- One of the new kingdoms to arise was ruled by a people called the **FRANKS**
- This kingdom started in what is now France
- The Franks built the largest empire since Rome
- The greatest leader of the Franks was called **CHARLEMAGNE**
- During his reign he conquered lands in what is now France, Italy and **GERMANY**
- Charlemagne was a Christian



- When Charlemagne arrived in Rome in A.D. 800, he was greeted by Pope Leo III who placed a crown on him and declared him **EMPEROR**
- Charlemagne made his capital in the city of Aachen
- Charlemagne loved to ride horses, swim, and learn
- Charlemagne filled his court with books, scholars, poets, and musicians

# CHARLEMAGNE



# FOR KIDS!

Charlemagne 5 min



# EUROPE IN THE TIME OF CHARLEMAGNE A. D. 814

The Carolingian Empire

- Original Possessions
- Conquest by Charlemagne

English Miles

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**What type of King was  
Charlemagne?**

# How did the Feudal System work?

- During the Middle Ages many of the Manors became so large that everything the people needed was grown or made on the manor
- People seldom left the manor during their entire lives
- There was very little for **MONEY**
- A system called **FEUDALISM** emerged around A.D. 800
- The system organized and governed the society
- Those who had the most **LAND** had the most power



- The **KING** was the highest up on the Feudal system
- Below the king were the **NOBLES**, also called Lords
- The lord owned the manor, his wife was the **LADY**
- The Lord and Lady lived in the castle on the Manor, it also served to protect the people in times of danger
- Many lords chose nobles who did not own land to serve as **VASSALS**
- A vassal was a knight who served the lord, in exchange, he was given a small piece of land called a **FIEF**



Feudal System 4 min

- Many nobles had sons who were trained to become **KNIGHTS**
- Their training started when they were about seven years old
- A young knight was called a **SQUIRE**
- Squires and knights were taught to be honest, brave, and courteous to women
- This code of conduct was called **CHIVALRY**



- Most Europeans were not nobles, they were **SERFS**, or village workers
- Serfs had to pay **TAXES** to the lord
- Serfs lived in one-room houses with straw on the floor
- The whole family shared one bed, and animals lived in the house
- Most people did not live past their 40's, and married as teens
- The village **CHURCH BELLS** signaled breaks and meals





**How did the Feudal System work?**



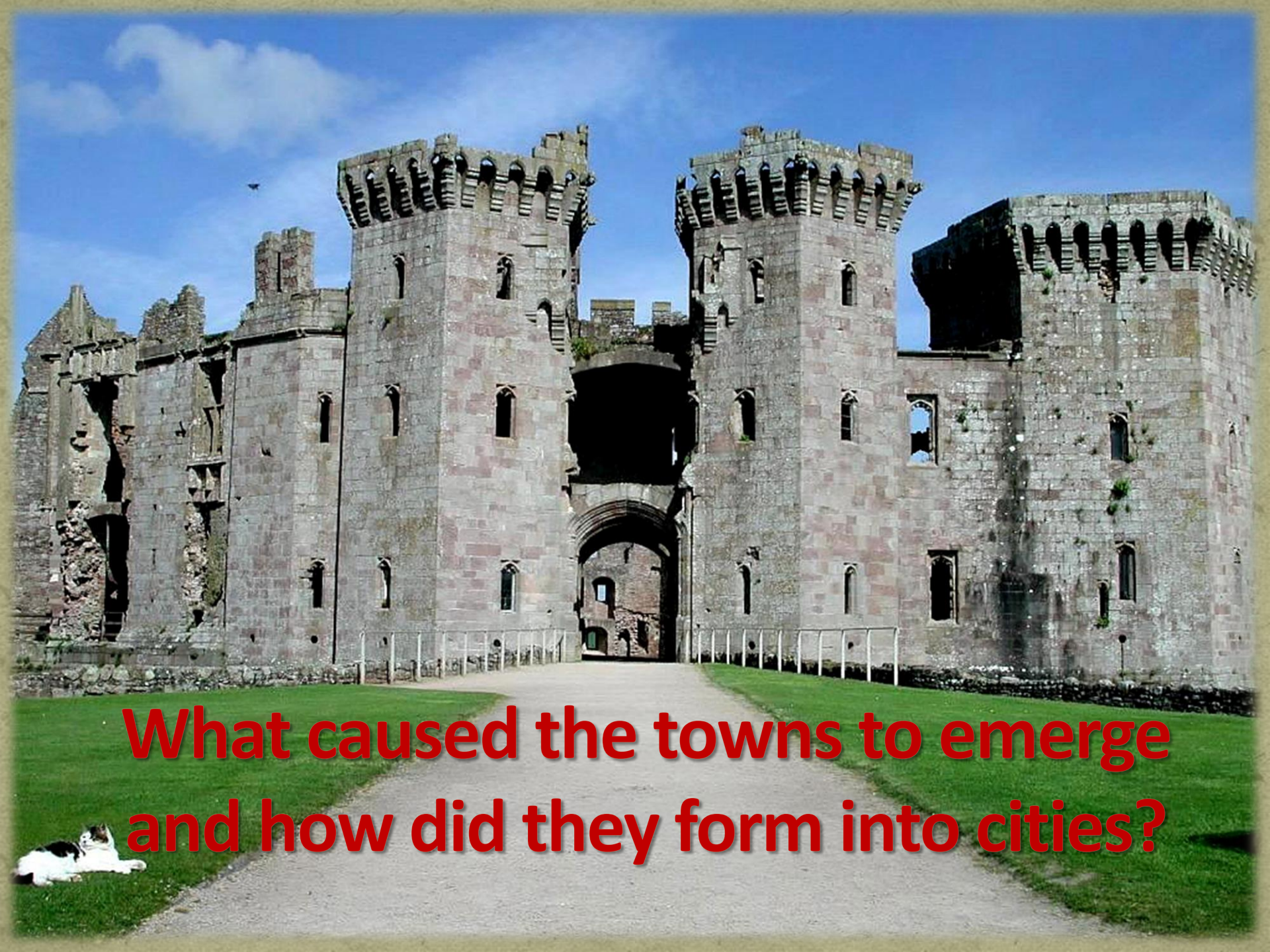
# What caused towns to emerge?

- Around A.D. 1000 nobles began to fight in battles less and stay on the **MANOR** longer
- Farmland grew and this created a **SURPLUS** (yay! Our favorite word!) of food
- **TOWNS** emerged around the manors
- People began to trade again and use **COIN** money
- Populations grew and towns became large and dirty

- Towns were filled with craft workers
- The different craft workers organized themselves into **GUILDS**
- These guilds trained apprentices to become craft workers
- Some towns began to grow into **CITIES**
- London was one of the first large,



European cities  
Many said it was dangerous  
and dirty



**What caused the towns to emerge and how did they form into cities?**

# How did the Vikings influence Europe?

- By the end of Charlemagne's reign in the 800's, Europe was under attack from **INVADERS** from the North
- These North men were the **VIKINGS** and also called Norsemen
- They caused the fall of the Frankish empire
- These new people set up villages, adopted Christianity and the French language
- They were called the **NORMANS**





In 1066 the Normans conquered the people of England, their leader became known as **WILIAM** the Conqueror

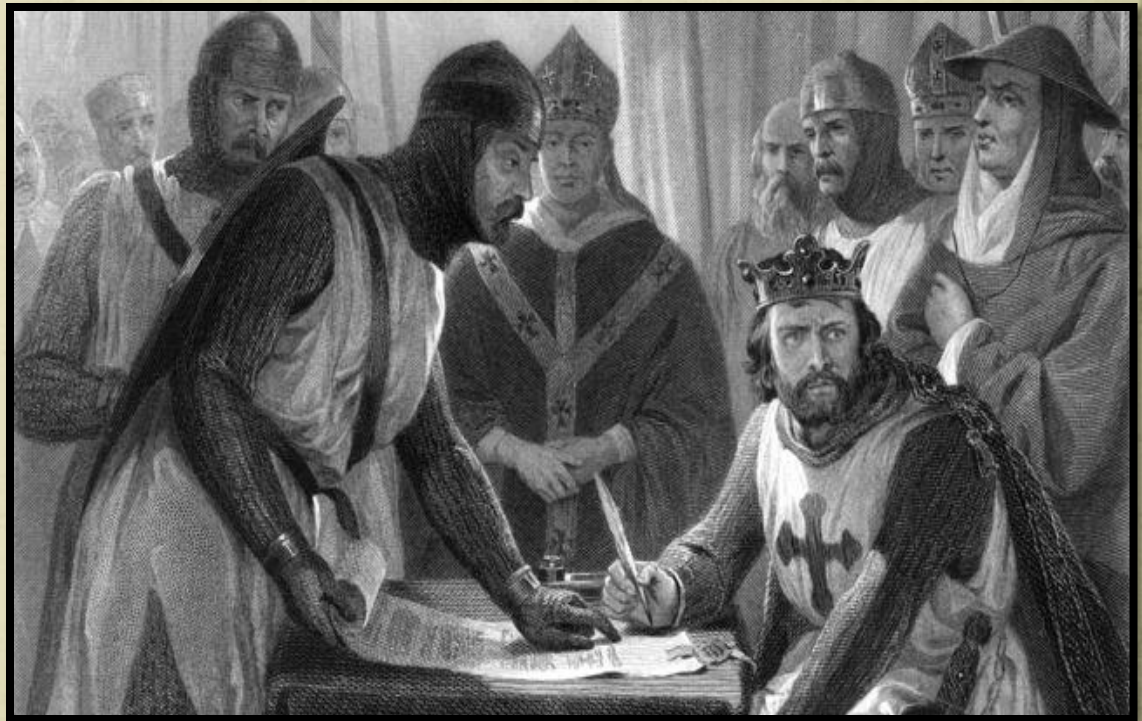


- William blended the Norman and English cultures and **LANGUAGES**
- This was the beginning of our modern day English language
- Many kings followed King William, one of them was **KING JOHN I**

- King John was crowned in 1199
- He tried to increase his **POWER** by demanding more money from the lords
- He would imprison people without a trial
- In 1215 many of the lords decided to **LIMIT** the power of the king.

They wrote up  
a legal document  
which stated they  
had fair rights

- With the help of their knights, the nobles **FORCED** the king to sign the document
- This was called the **MAGNA CARTA**

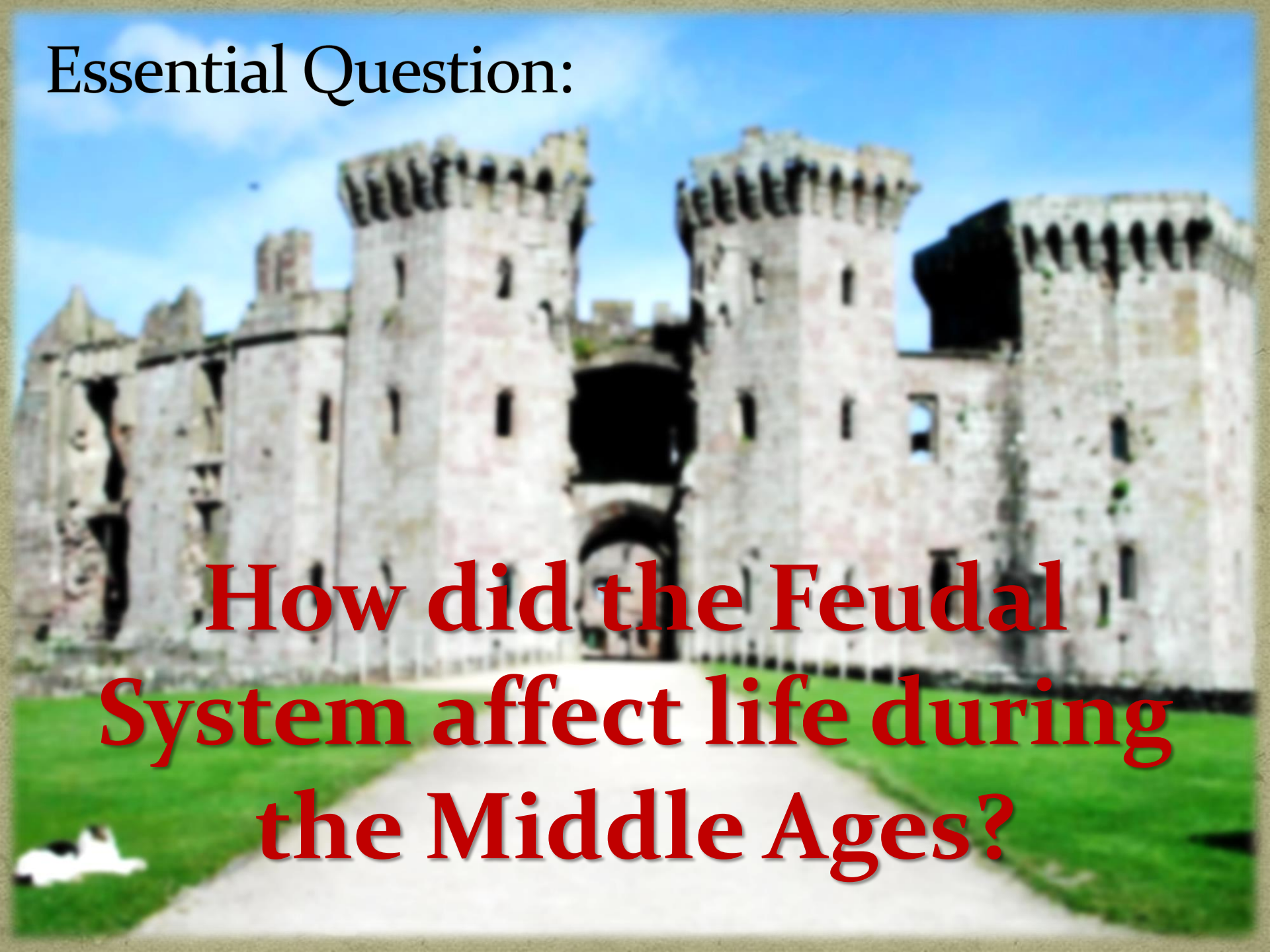




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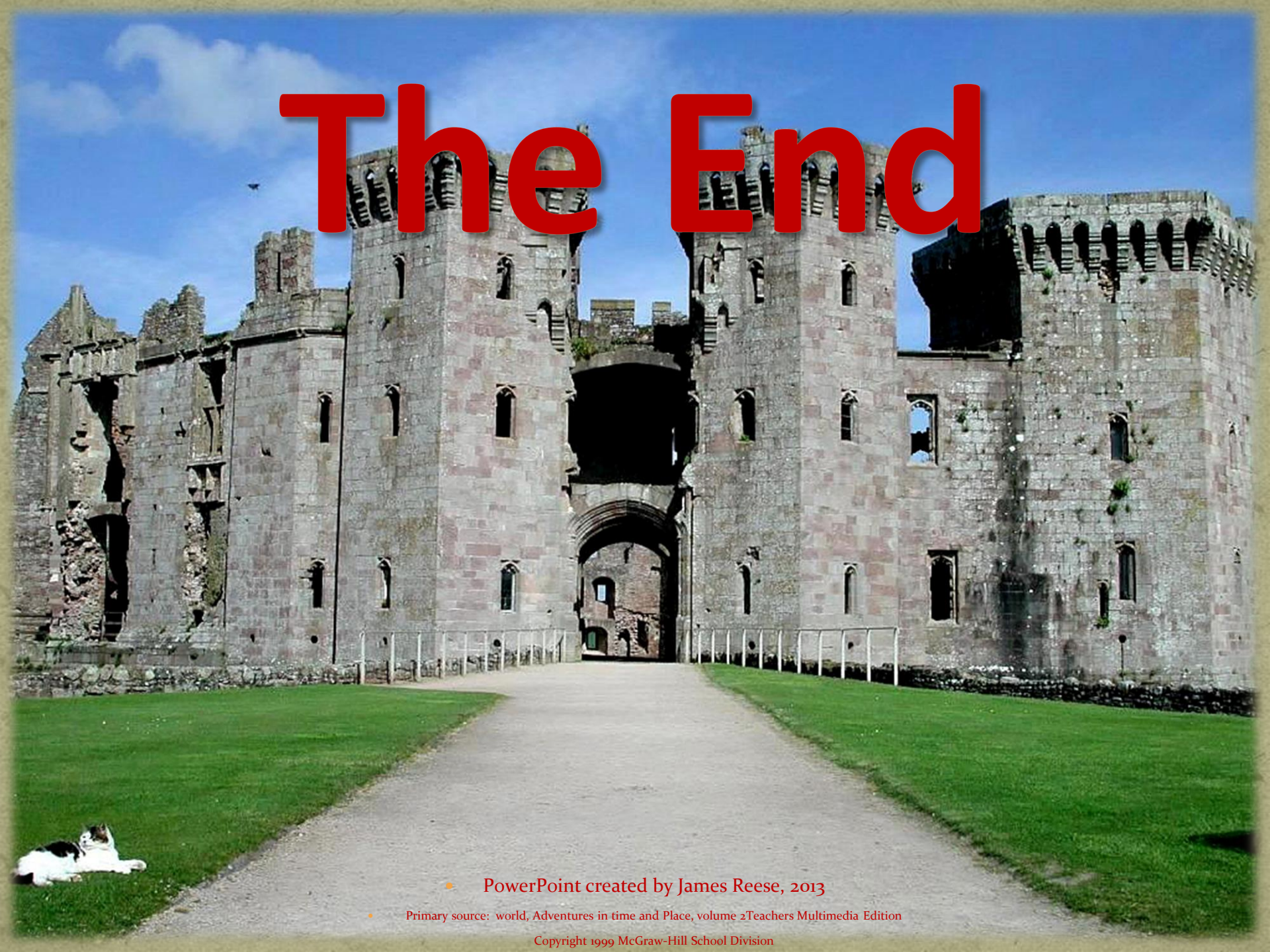
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# The End



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