

The Franks to the Holy Roman Empire

Terms

- *Wergild*
- Clovis I
- Franks/Frankish Kingdom
- Merovingian Dynasty
- *Maiores* – Mayors of the Palace
- Charlemagne
- Carolingian Renaissance
- Donation of Constantine
- Holy Roman Empire
- Feudal System
- Three-field system

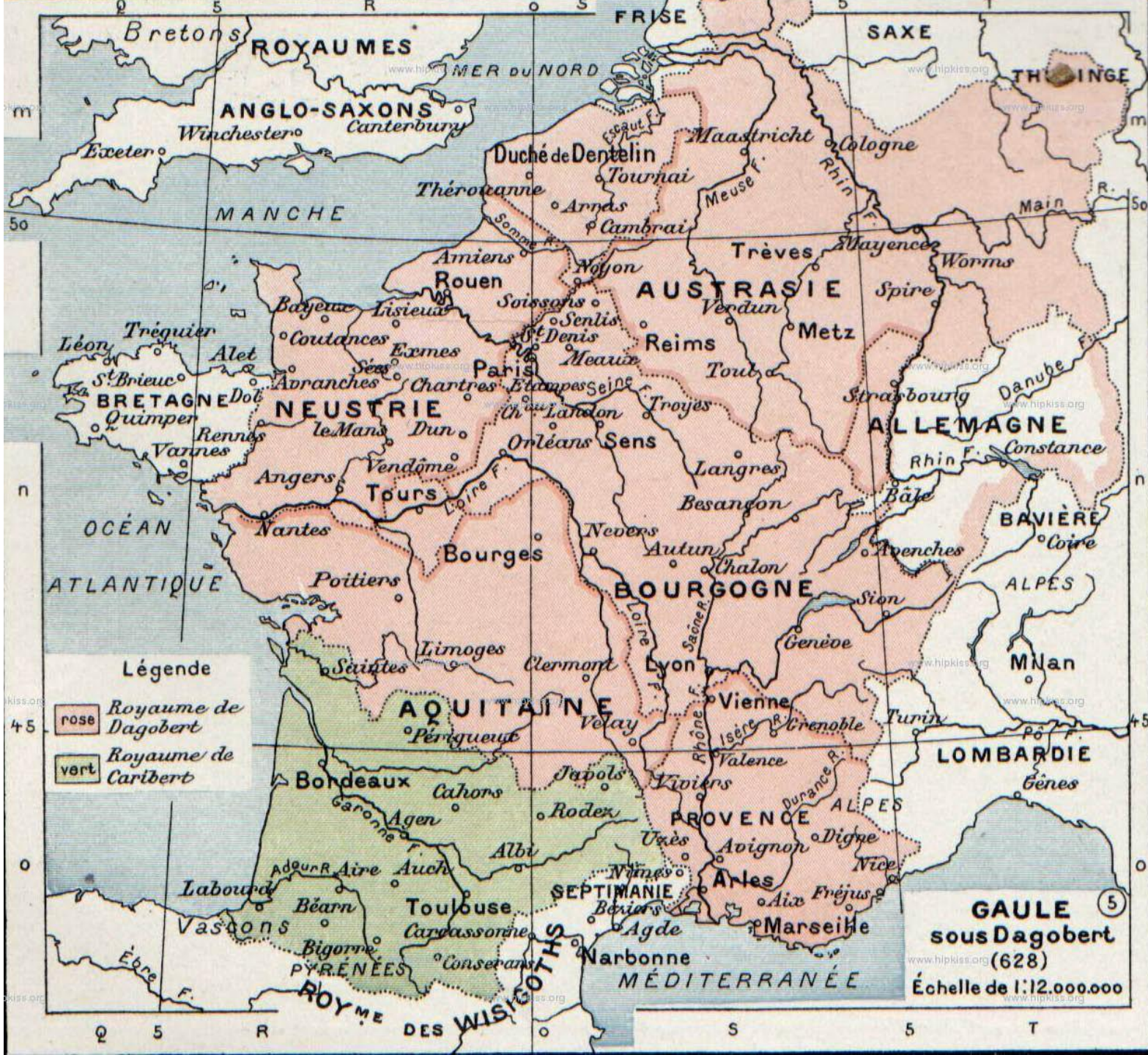
Germanic Society

- Kingship
- Kinship
 - *Wergild*
- Honor
- Feud
- Fate
- Plunder
- Bi-polar society
- Mix of tribal culture and roman influence
- pagan

Frankish Kingdom and Clovis

- 481 – Frankish tribes – loose organization of tribes with one king
- 481-490 – Clovis fully unites tribes, Rome recognizes the Frankish Kingdom within the Roman Empire
- 490 – Bishop (St.) Remigius
- 493 – Clovis marries catholic Clotilde of Burgundy
- 496 – Clovis wins Battle of Tolbiac
- 496 – Christmas Day – Clovis baptized
- 508 – Defeat Visigoths
- 511 – Clovis dies (Kingdom is divided – Neustria, Austrasia, Burgundy, and Aquitaine)





Légende

- Royaume de Dagobert
- Royaume de Caribert

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 sous Dagobert
 (628)
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Merovingian Dynasty

- 511 - Division of Frankish kingdom
- Aristocrats and Dukedoms
- Mayors of the Palace – *maiores*
- Civil War 715-719
- Charles Martel 718-741
- Pippin the Younger (Pippin III) – Donation of Pippin 751

Carolingian Dynasty

- Charlemagne (Charles le Magne) 768-814
 - Contradictory knowledge of personality and rule
 - Destroyed buffer states opening kingdom to invasion
 - Forced Christianity and conversion on pagan subjects
 - Patron of arts, intellectual and mathematical pursuits – leading to the Carolingian Renaissance



Carolingian Renaissance

- Era of revival in learning intended to educate the administration, glorify the kings, and reform the church leading to purification in faith.
 - Illuminated manuscript
 - Caroline minuscule



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10th century, Vulgate Bible

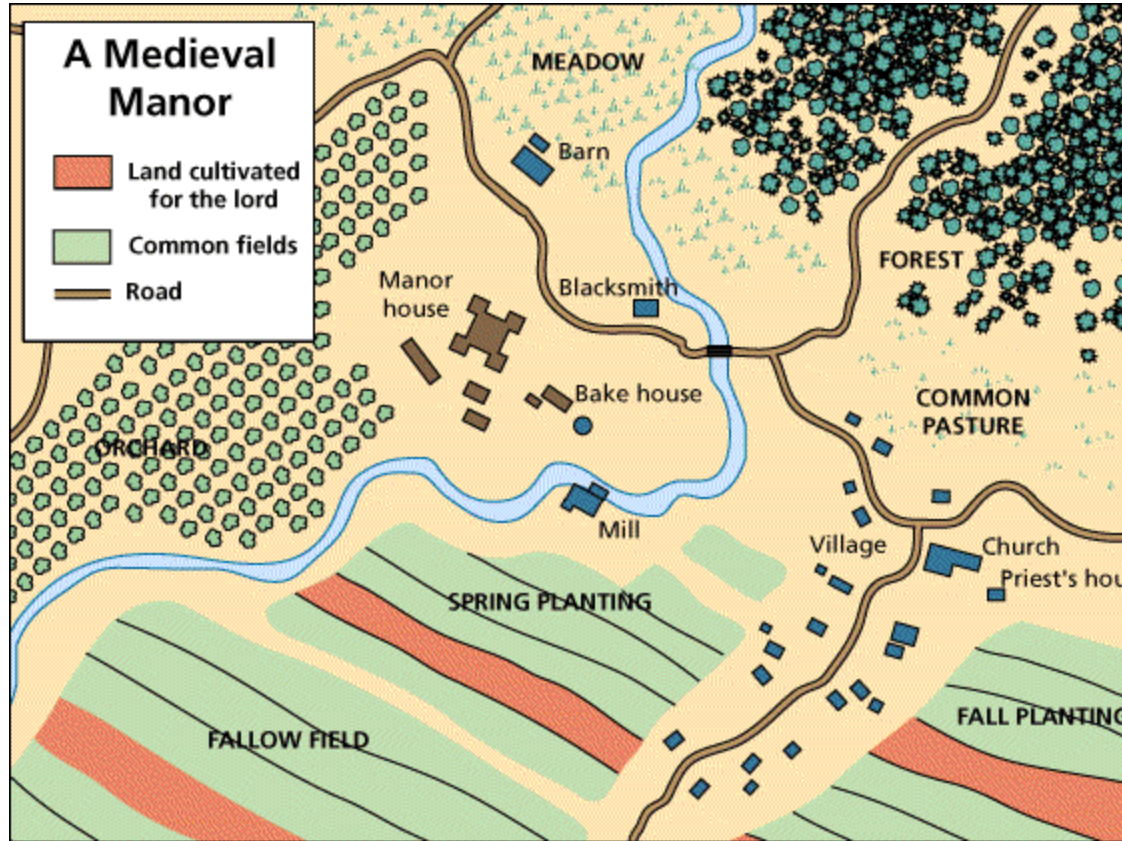
Charlemagne contd.

- Controlled territories through *missi dominici*
- 760s – clerics for Pope “unearthed” document – Donation of Constantine (supposedly 336)
- Caused tension between Pope, Franks, and Eastern Roman Emperor
- Pope Leo flees to Frankish territory – 799
- 800 – Christmas Day Pope Leo claims Charlemagne “Augustus, crowned by God, great and peaceful Emperor who governs the Roman Empire and who is, by the mercy of God, king of the Franks and the Lombards”
- Birth of the Holy Roman Empire
- 843 – Empire Divided – Treaty of Verdun

Division of the Carolingian Empire, 843



Manorial System



Christianity in the Germanic West

- Eastern Empire – Icons
- Western Empire – Relics



Bursa Reliquary,

Bone, copper-gilt,
wood

Early 900s

Northern Italian

Magyars and Viking invasions

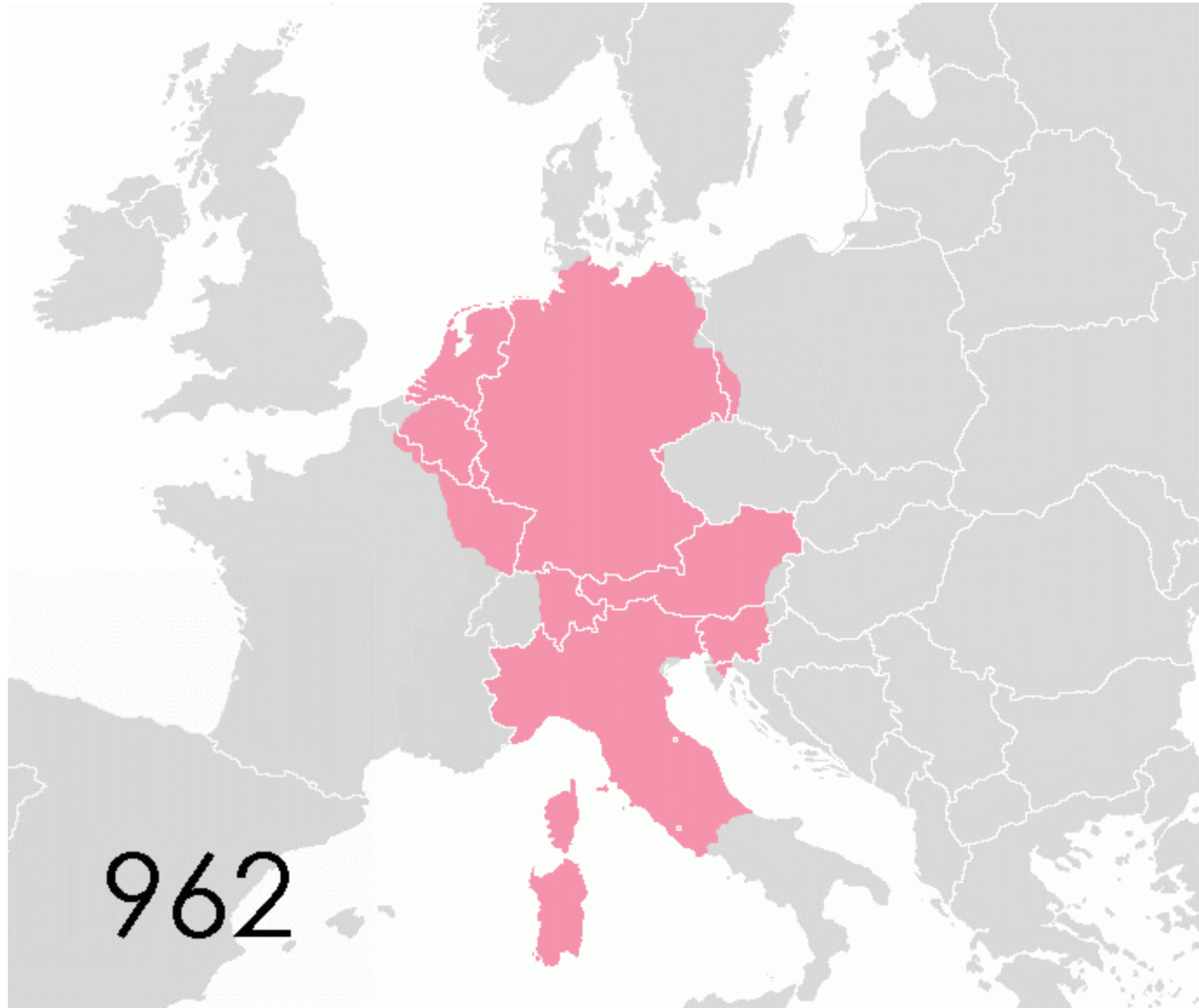
- Vikings – 800s – 1000s
- Magyars – 899- 955
- Carolingian dynasty ends 911
 - Middle kingdom of Lothar dissolves into the other two – France and Holy Roman Empire

I Viking, Magyar and Saracen Invasions

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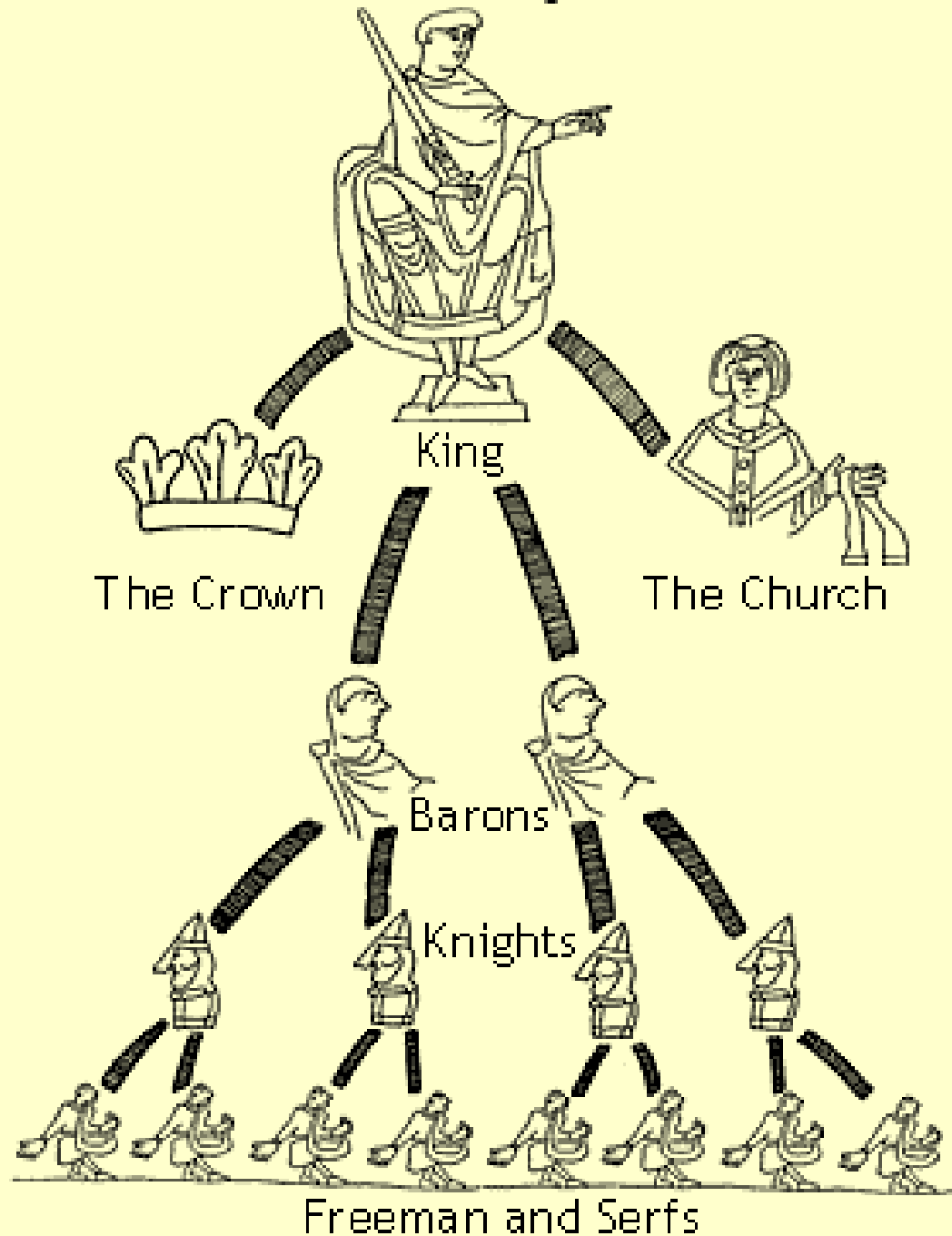
Saracen attacks	Viking bases	areas of Viking settlement: Danish
Magyar attacks	main Viking raids (with dates)	Norwegian
Viking routes	areas most affected by Saracen raiders (with dates)	Swedish
	areas most affected by Magyar raiders (with dates)	



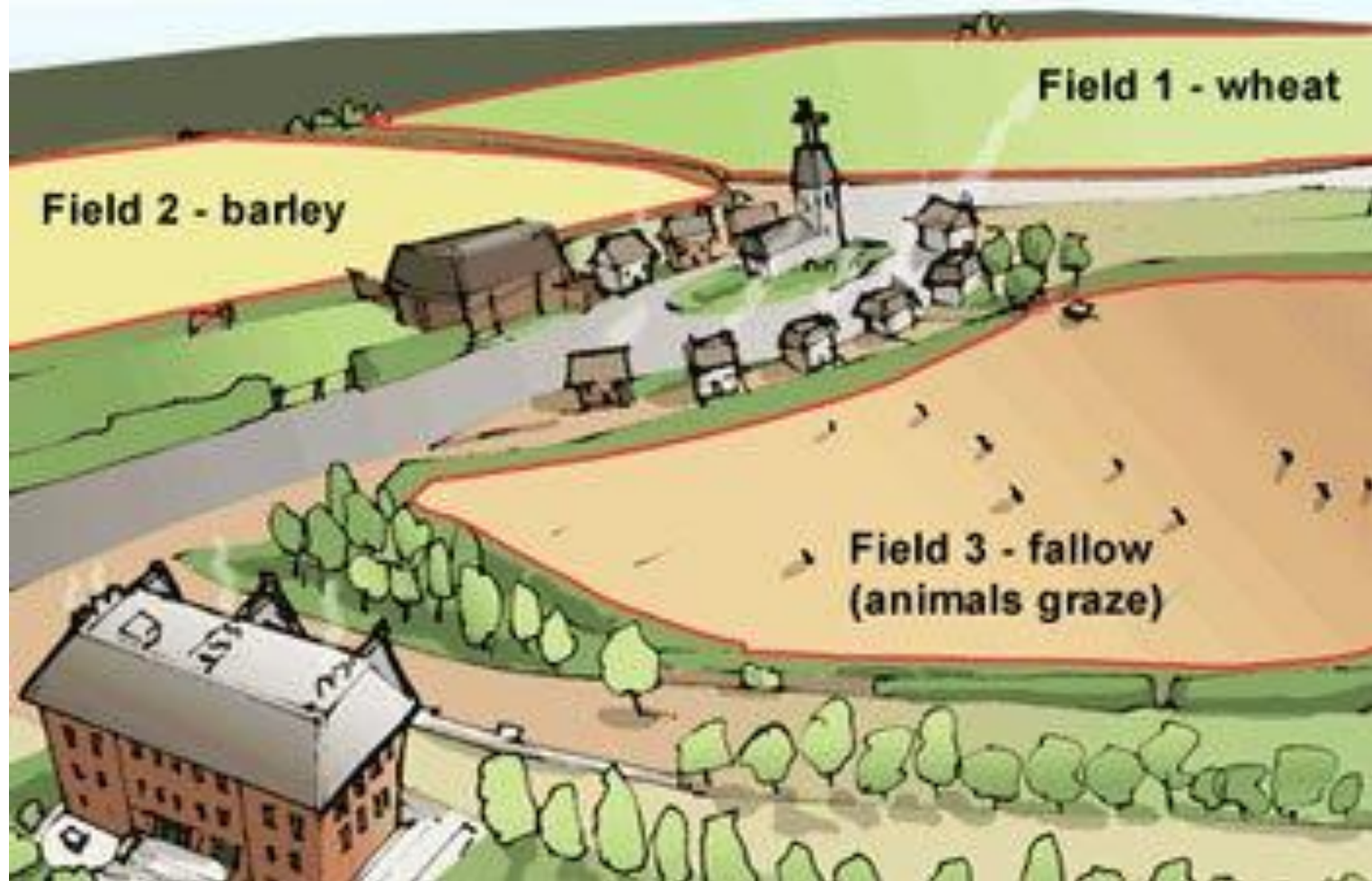


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The Feudal System

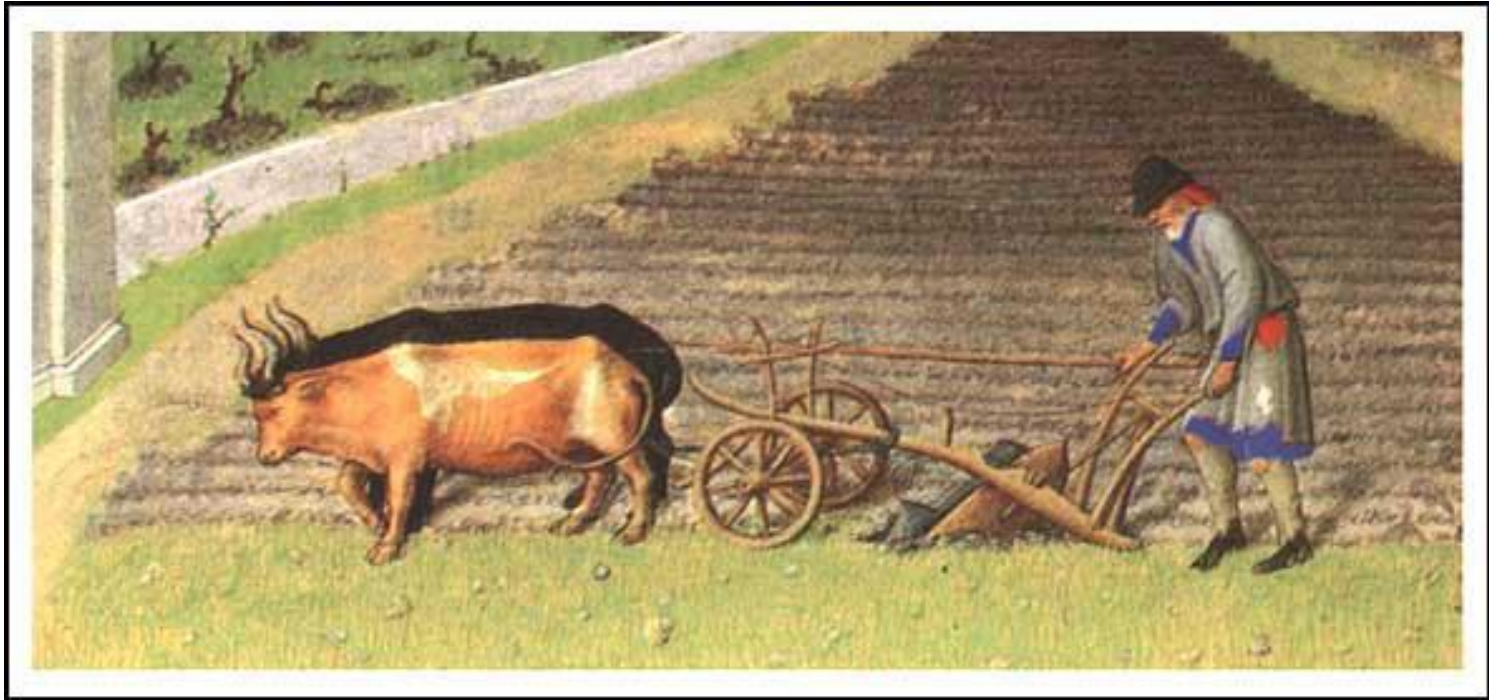


Developments in Agriculture



Three-Field System

Developments in Agriculture contd.



Heavy Plough

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