NAME: _____ Global History I

HOW DID FEUDALISM ORGANIZE MEDIEVAL LIFE IN EUROPE?

DO NOW: Read the following and fill in the blanks.
After the last Emperor disappeared with the collapse of the Roman Empire, there was _____strong central government to _____ the different European peoples. Instead of one strong emperor ruling most of Europe, Europe was split into different lands, each with their own _____.

Read the following selections and determine who the speaker is from these choices 1) **King**- absolute ruler of a large territory 2) **Knight**- covered in armor, these were trained warriors 3) **Rizzas**- these important workers handwrote copies for the king 4) **Serfs** - peasant farmers

Speaker #1 "Our day consists of getting up, working the fields all day, planting, harvesting, and tending to our crops. When we are finished with work, we come to our tiny hut. We may never leave the manor. We grow enough food to feed us and pay the rent. I'm almost glad that I will live such a short life."
This speaker is probably a _____ . Underline the information that proves you are right.

Speaker #2 "Life at the top is not easy. I am always the target of other jealous and greedy kings. I need an army of warriors to protect me and my kingdom. The knights receive land from me and in exchange they must fight and protect me from my enemies. Everyone benefits from this system."
This speaker is probably a _____ . Underline the information that proves you are right.

Speaker #3 "Yes, we receive crops from the serfs as rent. Yes, we are trained warriors who may come and go from the manor as we please. But without us, the manor would be completely unprotected. Unless the serfs pay their rent with crops, why should we risk our lives and protect them? When we fight for our king, we are getting something in return."
This speaker is probably a _____. Underline the information that proves you are right.

This system of organization of Medieval life is known as Feudalism. Under this system, the king gave land to_____in exchange for their military service to the _____. The _____took the land that they received from the king and rented it out to many different _____ . The _____ had to grow enough crops to pay the rent that the _____wanted. Only the _____were able to leave the manor.

WHY IS THE STATEMENT TRUE OR FALSE?

In the box on the left a statement about the Middle Ages. In the second box write if the statement is TRUE OR FALSE. In the last box explain why the statement is true or false.

S T A T E M E N T	TRUE/ FALSE	WHY IS IT TRUE OR FALSE?
The Middle Ages began with the trip by Columbus to America.		
2. Roman culture was very popular during the Middle Ages.		
3. The Middle Ages and The Dark Ages are different times in history.		
4. Science, education and trade were very important during the Medieval period of European history.		
5. The Islamic world was in the Dark Ages about the same time Europe was.		
6. The end of ancient Greek civilization is connected to the rise of Rome by the Middle Ages.		