

# Pre-Industrial revolution society in Europe

### #1 What is Feudalism?

[1] Feudalism= conditional ownership of land→ to Vassals (Feudal lords) by King

feudal lords responsibilities: Collect revenue + Keep some part of revenue and transfer remaining to the King+ Maintain law and order+ Maintain standing army+ Provide military support to King. [2] reason for feudalism= No single authority= big Kingdom→ smaller kingdoms→ local Lords > King. [3] Serfdom= bonded labour to the land; work free. [4] feudalism ended→ Modern weapons like gun powder= king> feudal lords + modern education.

### #2 What was Renaissance?

French 'the Rebirth'= medieval → modern age; challenged old belief & authority of the Church→ urged people to have scientific attitude.

#3 What was State of western society before Intellectual revolution? Superstition+ More focus on theological aspects like soul, God, Life after death+ Dominance of church+ Feudal society→ exploitation of poor+ body is impure, seeking+ pleasure is sin, spiritualism> materialism.

## #4 What was the impact of Renaissance?

intellectual revolution+ Growth of science, art, architecture, sculpture, painting, literature, geography + Spirit of humanism and individualism + Dawn of rationality, logic, spirit of questioning;

**Impact on society = [1]**Church influence declined **[2]** Humanity> Divinity **[3]** pursuit of happiness **[4]** materialism **[5]** rational thinking+ progressive outlook.

#### #5 What was the Reformation movement?

[1]movement against radical Catholic Church [2]protestant churches were established **Martin Luther King** in Germany (16<sup>th</sup> CE) [3] two sects protestant and Catholic.

# #6 How Renaissance and Reformation movement laid the foundation for IR?

Intellectual revolution + scientific temperament → innovation like steam engine, cotton spinning machine etc. → mass production of goods [2] Quest for new areas began → explore new areas → source raw material [3] Spiritualism → materialistic society → demand for goods increased → need for mass production → factory system → industries were established. [4] Rationality → capitalist society → seeking more wealth → investment in new factories to gain more wealth. [5] protestant Ethics → work is Worship+ individual could attain salvation through hard work.

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# #7 what was the impact of Renaissance and Reformation on World events?

Enlightenment→ American Revolution (1776), the French Revolution (1789) and the Russian Revolution (1905, 1917). [2] nationalism→ sense of unity + oneness to the people→ birth of nation states [3] Spirit of nationalism→ unification of Italy and Germany+ freedom movements in Colonies of European imperialist powers [4] Movements in many parts of Europe and in North America → ended autocratic political systems + birth of democratic political system + abolish privileges + induced equality.