Feudalism: A Medieval Europe Social System

When asked to, read the History Alive section for the following feudalism social groups.

Kings: Section 2.4

1) What did kings claim was their reason for ruling their lands?

2) Based on the reading, were kings as all-powerful as many people think they were? Why? Explain using facts from the reading.

3) Using Background Knowledge: How did kings maintain the loyalty of their nobles?

4) Why is William the Conqueror considered an important monarch?

Lords/Nobles and Ladies: Section 2.5

1) Describe important characteristics of manors and castles. (Why were these the center of communities? Purposes of these structures?, What types of rooms are there?)

2) What responsibilities did lords have on a manor?

3) What was the role of noblewomen on a manor?

4) Why does the text say that life was uncomfortable then compared to modern standards?

Video: The Noble

While viewing the video write down characteristics of how kings and nobles lived. Anything stand out about their lifestyle?