Lords and peasants c. 1000
Weakness of state authority

I. Peasants (farmers)
   Status categories
   Serfs: customary obligations
   Early medieval manor
   reserve and peasant mansi
   collective organization

Peasant living conditions
   farming techniques, crops and livestock, diet
   3 field system, outfield-infield

Growth (horsepower, moldboard plow)

II. Lords (nobles, landlord class)
Background: weakening of royal authority
   -dispersion of many public functions of government
   -reliance on ties of loyalty between individuals
   ex: vassalage (homage, fealty, investiture)
   -tendency to inheritability

What guarantees order?

By 1100:
   - c. 1000 breakup of large estates,
     changed patterns of inheritance
rise of territorial lords
   -castles and walled villages
   -powers: command, legal jurisdiction, tolls etc.
   (king’s ban)
   -rise of knighthood
   -technological changes: stirrups, couched lance,
     warhorse, chain mail