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Class: Word Civ 2

Last week we examined the developing networks in the Late Agrarian Era. In this lesson, we study another of our models, hierarchies. For this essay, you will not need to do outside research on the political structures and issues, you can find it in this chapter. If you do include outside research, be sure to cite the web page.

In this assignment, you will first be addressing the questions posed in the Frame it Yourself assignment (Page 516):

Who ruled?

What rights did people have?

How was power distributed?

Then you will list the similarities and differences between the hierarchies in this chapter and our form of government today in relation to each of these three questions. The last question in the assignment on page 516 will be your one sentence closing remark.

During the period 1500-1800, various forms of political structures existed in different regions of the world. The rulers varied from absolute monarchs, feudal lords, and empires to city-states and republics. The rights of people were also varied, with some regions having more limited rights for certain groups or individuals, while others had more democratic forms of governance that granted rights to all citizens. Power distribution was similarly diverse, with some societies having a highly centralized power structure while others had a more decentralized system of power distribution.

In comparison to the form of government today, there are similarities and differences in terms of who ruled, the rights of people, and the distribution of power. In many modern democracies, power is vested in elected representatives, while in the early modern period, it was often in the hands of monarchs, feudal lords, or military leaders. Today, the rights of individuals are generally more protected and universal, while in the early modern period, these rights were more limited. The distribution of power has also changed, with modern governments having a more centralized structure compared to the decentralized systems of power that existed in some regions during the early modern period.