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### Dai Viet

The kingdom I am choosing to illustrate is the Dai Viet kingdom. This kingdom was able to gain independence from China. Within this kingdom you would find classes of people similar to other Chinese areas, such as the scholars, farmers, craftsmen and merchants. At the very top you would find the scholars and intellectuals, who were rewarded with special costumes by the royal courts in order to distinguish them from commonfolk. Below the scholars were the farmers, with merchants at the very bottom. Like Dai Viet, Japanese society normalized a central ruler as well. Like many kingdoms during its time, Dai Viet was no stranger to having aristocrats as well. Also, like the Dai Viet hierarchy, the Hindu states also had warriors in the higher region of their hierarchy. In European societies, priests were near the top of the pyramid. The priests of Europe could be compared to the scholars in Dai Viet since they were valued for their knowledge that the common people didn't have easy access to. It seems as though peasantry, whether that be expressed in farming or craftsmen, was considered to be a universally low class.

Works Cited: [Classes and costumes in traditional Vietnamese society - Asian and African studies blog](#)