




Middle Ages vs Enlightenment

- 500-1500
 - Geography: Europe
 - History: After Fall of Roman Empire
 - Beliefs: Roman Catholic, church final authority & explained the unknown, superstitious, excommunication
- 1650-1700' s
 - Geography: Same
 - History: After Renaissance
 - Beliefs: Protestant Reformation challenged the R.C. Church, emphasis on reason, science used to explain unknown



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- **Economic:** manorial system, self sufficient, little trade, bartering, peasants
- **Political:** Feudal System, land=power, land needed to be protected so loyalty exchanged for land
- **Social:** Two classes-King w/ nobles & commoners; few educated
- **Economic:** based on trade(merchants), sought gold w/ emphasis of exports, colonies important
- **Political:** Absolute Monarch w/ nobility & everyone else subjects of the king
- **Social:** Three classes-king, middle class, commoners



What is the most significant difference between the Middle Ages & the Enlightenment?

