Medieval Europe Vocabulary

1. **Fjord** - A narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or steep slopes.
2. **Missionaries** - People who are sent out by a religious organization to spread the faith.
3. **Concordat** - An agreement between the Pope and the ruler of a country.
4. **Feudalism** - A political order in which nobles governed & protected people in return for services.
5. **Vassal** - A low-ranking noble under the protection of a feudal lord.
6. **Fief** - A feudal estate belonging to a vassal.
7. **Knight** - A mounted man-at-arms serving a lord.
8. **Chivalry** - The system, spirit, or customs of medieval knighthood.
9. **Serf** - A member of the peasant class tied to the land and subject to the will of the landowner.
10. **Guild** - A group of merchants or craftspeople.
11. **Grand Jury** - A group of citizens that meets to decide whether people should be accused of a crime.
12. **Trial Jury** - A group of citizens that decides whether an accused person is innocent or guilty.
13. **Theology** - The study of religious faith, practice and experience.
14. **Scholasticism** - A way of thinking that combined faith & reason.
15. **Vernacular** - Something that a person works to achieve.
17. **Heresy** - Ideas that go against church teachings.
18. **Anti-Semitism** - Hostility toward or discrimination against Jews.
19. **Plague** - A disease that spreads quickly & kills many people.