

## Comparison between Feudal Society and the Absolutist Nation-State



<b>FEUDALISM</b>		<b>Absolutist Nation-State</b>
King bound nobles by obligations to supply soldiers, in exchange for grants of land	<b>Source of Royal power</b>	King maintained a national army, out of tax revenues
Armies were smaller—kings had to call on their noble supporters to supply troops.	<b>Size of army</b>	Armies were larger—kings could hire mercenaries or conscript soldiers throughout their kingdom
Mounted, heavily armored and armed knights	<b>Makeup of army</b>	Greater reliance upon citizens or mercenaries with crossbow
King lived off his own private lands and revenues	<b>Source of royal Revenues</b>	King taxed nation and lived off royal treasury
Limited to the estates that the royal family controlled.	<b>Locus of royal power</b>	Extended to the entire nation.