Europe during the Middle Ages. The Church and the feudal system influenced Western European life. Before you move on...
MANOR IN THE MIDDLE AGES

The church was the center of life on the manor.

The lord lived in relative safety and ease in his castle.

The church was protected from rival lords.

SERFS LIVED IN TINY HUTS WITH DIRT FLOORS.

ONGOING ASSESSMENT

VIEWING LAB

1. **Interpret Visuals**  What details in the illustration suggest the measures taken to protect those who lived in the manor?

2. **Make Inferences**  Notice the position of the church in the manor. Why might it have been positioned near the lord's castle?

3. **Compare and Contrast**  Based on the illustration and what you have read, in what ways did life probably differ for lords and serfs?