Formative Task #1
Constructing a Feudal Pyramid

Standard:

1. The students will be able to describe and explain feudalism in Europe.
2. The students will be able to work collaboratively with other students by giving ideas and suggestions & seriously consider the ideas of other.

Task:

Hard work was a constant theme in the lives of peasants in the Middle Ages. They worked long hours and had to obey the wishes of the nobles, but most nobles weren’t free to live as they chose either. They were sworn to obey more powerful nobles who had to obey the wishes of the king. Life in the Middle Ages was one big web of duties and obligations. This web of duties and obligations was the way people were governed in the Middle Ages, which was known as feudalism. The task for you and your partner is to construct a feudal pyramid of your own. Your feudal pyramid must include…

1. A title.
2. A separate section for each group of people in order of class hierarchy (Knights, Nobles, Kings, and Peasants).
3. A description of the role each group played in the feudal system. Such as the types of things they did for the other groups.

Rubric:

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<td>Lists the groups of the feudal System</td>
<td>All 4 groups are not identified and in incorrect order</td>
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<td>The roles of each group is described</td>
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<td>Gave ideas and suggestions that helped the group</td>
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Total Points: ________/15