

## **LECTURE SUMMARY:**

**Title: Status in German Society 1500 to 1800: Where Did Your Ancestors Fit in?**

Level: All

Duration: 60-90 minutes

Description:

Thanks to a great extent to the very well-developed and rather inflexible feudal system in Germanic territories in Europe, our ancestors were quite stable in their social and economic status. The structure of classes (from the highest to the lowest) is described in this presentation, with an emphasis on correctly placing our ancestors on that social scale continuum. Advantages and disadvantages for our ancestors are discussed, as well as the advantages for modern historians searching for their ancestors in that world.