

Life of the People in Maharashtra

Chapter 13: Life of the People in Maharashtra · Topic 1

Key Concept

Society in Maharashtra during this period included various occupational groups, from farmers and artisans to traders and soldiers.

Villages were often self-sufficient communities, with local governance and social structures supporting daily life and agriculture.

Cultural practices, including festivals, music, and literature, particularly the Marathi language and Bhakti movement, flourished during this period.

This period's social and cultural life laid important foundations for Maharashtra's distinct regional identity that continues today.

Quick Revision Notes

- Society included farmers, artisans, traders, soldiers.
- Villages were often self-sufficient.
- They had local governance, social structures.
- This supported daily life, agriculture.
- Cultural practices: festivals, music, literature.
- Marathi language, Bhakti movement flourished.
- This period built regional identity foundations.
- This continues shaping Maharashtra today.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research an occupation common in medieval Maharashtra.
- 2 Discuss how villages were self-sufficient.
- 3 Research the Bhakti movement's cultural impact.
- 4 Discuss a Marathi cultural tradition still practised today.
- 5 Discuss how this period shaped regional identity.
- 6 Explain the connection between this history and modern Maharashtra.