

ORDEAL OF THE ARTIST

The year is 1540 A.D.; you are an artist who just developed a painting with a royal couple sitting in front of their court, ruling the kingdom. The picture shows the king's hand out the castle window pulling money from the homes of the townspeople. The king's other hand is throwing money out onto the floor of the court, for all the nobles.

The king hears about your painting and discusses the situation with a lord, and with a priest.

After the king, lord, and priest finish their conversation, the king's men come to your home to ask you some questions.

Focus Questions:

1. What is the problem in this situation?
2. If you were the artist, what would you do?
3. What are the responsibilities of the king, lord, and priest here?
4. What reasons can you give for your decisions?