

Classes

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Possibly the most important statistic for any character in the game. Your class determines your quality of life and your fate.

There are two kinds of class distinctions - major and minor. There are seven major classes (Peasant, Servant, Merchant, Military etc) - but within each of these classes are a number of minor classes. Whenever the rules call on you to check for a difference in classes, you subtract the lower major class from the larger major class **unless** you both belong to the same class - in which case you subtract the lower minor class from the larger minor class.

1. Royalty — Roi, Reine, Prince, Princesse
2. Noble - **Chalices (Hearts)**
 1. Upper (older) Nobility — A peer (holder of the title, or a noble (member of the family of the peer)
 - Grand Duc, Grande Duchesse, Duc, Duchesse, Marquis, Marquise, Comte, Comtesse, Vicomte, Vicomtesse, Baron, Baronne, Baronnet, Chevalier
 - [Gentleman and Lady of the Court of Louis XIV](#)
 2. Lower (newer) Nobility — A peer (holder of the title, or a noble (member of the family of the peer)
 - Grand Duc, Grande Duchesse, Duc, Duchesse, Marquis, Marquise, Comte, Comtesse, Vicomte, Vicomtesse, Baron, Baronne, Baronnet, Chevalier
 - [French Gentleman and Lady](#)
 3. The Royal Household — Office holders and servants of the King.
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3. Clergy - **Coins (Diamonds)**
 1. Archbishop
 2. Bishop
 3. Cardinal
 4. Vicar
 5. Curate
4. Military - **Staves (Clubs)**
 1. Guard Cavalry — Life Guards, Gendarmes, Lighthorse of the Guard, Horse Grenadiers, Musketeers, Life Guards of the King of Poland
 2. Guard Infantry — French Guards, Swiss Guards
 - [French Marshal and Subaltern Officer \(1704-1730\)](#)
 3. Cavalry — Gendarmes of France, heavy cavalry, carabiniers, dragoons
 4. Line Infantry
 5. Militia — Provincial Militia, Coast Guard Militia, Bourgeois Militia
5. Merchant - **Swords (Spades)**
 1. First class — printer, book dealers, surgeons, apothecaries, haberdashers, clothiers, goldsmiths, hardware dealers, card makers, button makers.
 2. Second class — food suppliers (bakers, butchers, pastry cooks, pork butchers, cooks, wine merchants), saddlery & hides, shoemakers, upholsterers.
 3. Third class — metals & furniture
 4. Fourth class — building trades, cobblers
6. Servant
 - [Abbe - French Secular Clerk, Servant Girl in a Contouche](#)

7. Peasant

1. Landowners
2. Rich tenant-farmer
3. Tenant-farmer
4. Villager
5. M+→tayer
6. Landless agricultural labourer

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