

# 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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