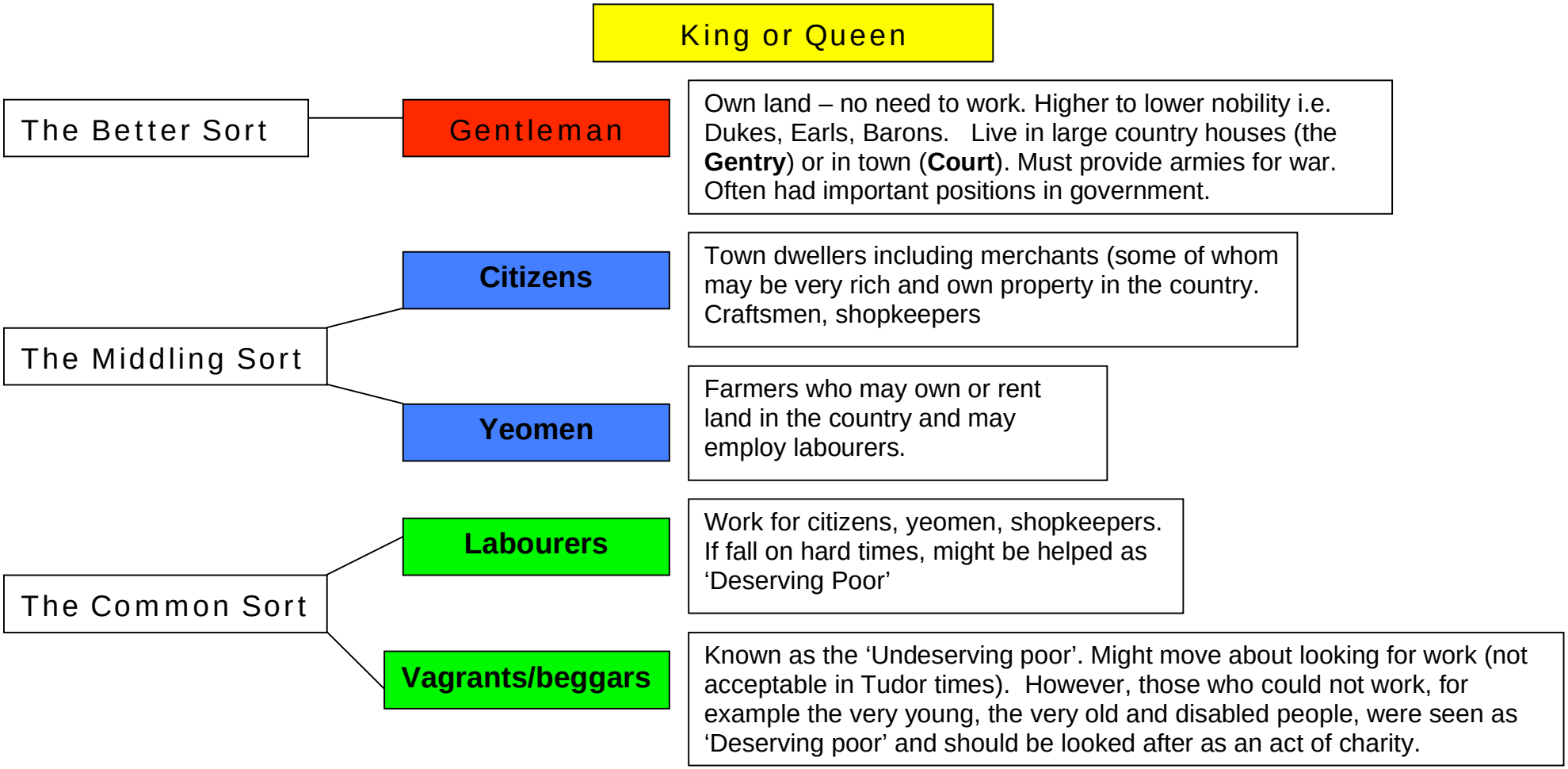
Tudor Society

Tudor society was based on a hierarchical system. Basically the higher up you were in the system, the richer you were. It was extremely difficult to move up to the 'next level'. If you were born poor, it was highly unlikely you could become rich although some clergymen certainly achieved it. A few merchants and businessmen, who became very rich through their dealings, were able to buy enough property not to have to carry on working. The Landed Gentry never quite accepted them as one of their own, however.

Below is a diagram of the structure of Tudor society: