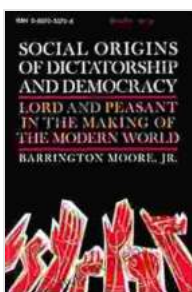


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In the 19th and 20th centuries, the relationship between lords and peasants underwent a profound transformation. The rise of industrialization and urbanization led to the decline of rural society and the emergence of a new working class. This new class was no longer tied to the land and was free to move in search of work. As a result, the power of the lords declined, while the power of the peasants increased.

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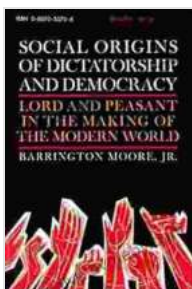
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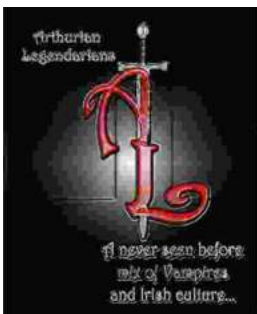
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