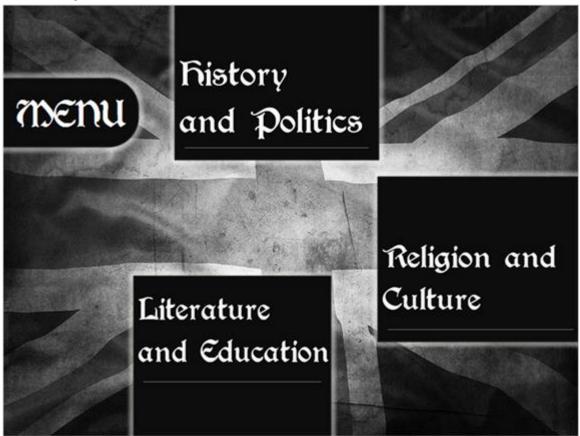




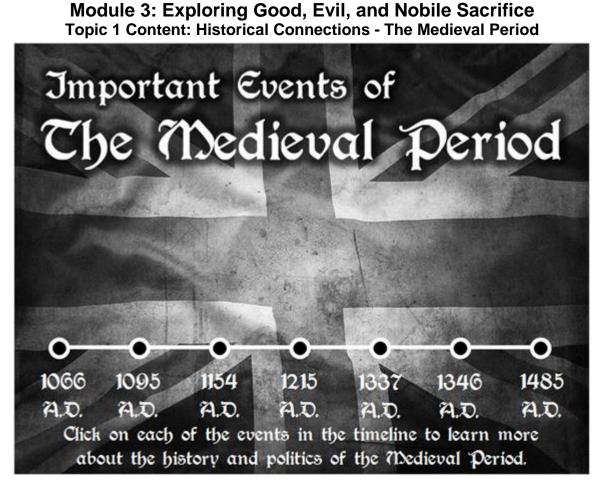
Historical Connections - The Medieval Period





The Medieval Period was a turbulent time in British history. Learn more about this time period by exploring its history and politics, religion and culture, and education and literature. Click on each of the menu items.

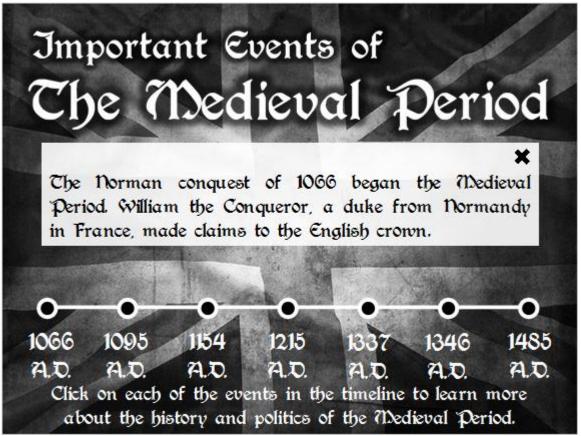




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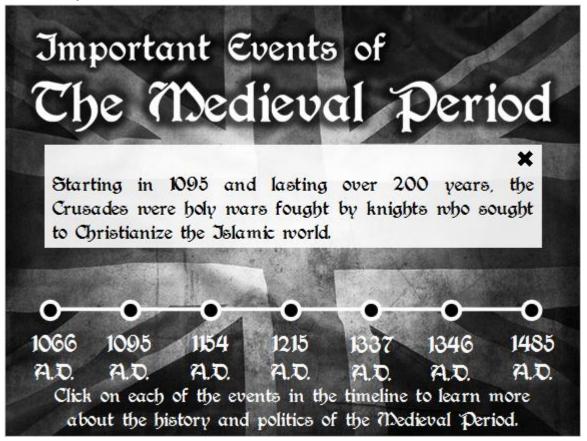






The Norman conquest of 1066 began the Medieval Period. William the Conqueror, a duke from Normandy in France, made claims to the English crown.

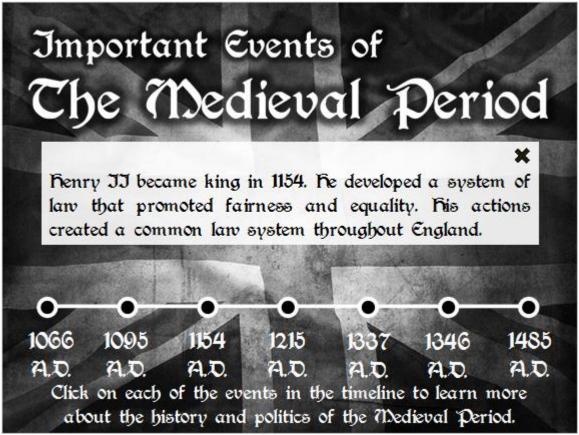




Starting in 1095 and lasting over 200 years, the Crusades were holy wars fought by knights who sought to Christianize the Islamic world.



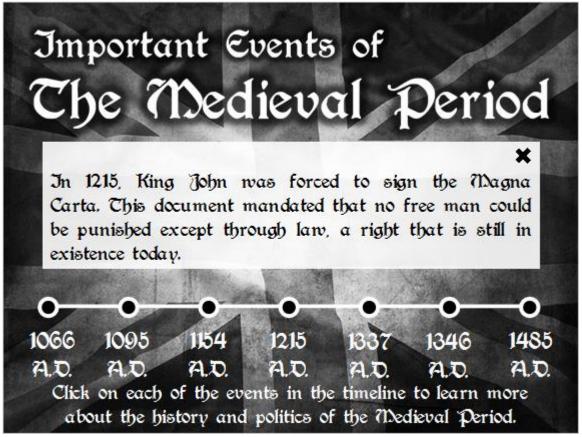




Henry II became king in 1154. He developed a system of law that promoted fairness and equality. His actions created a common law system throughout England.

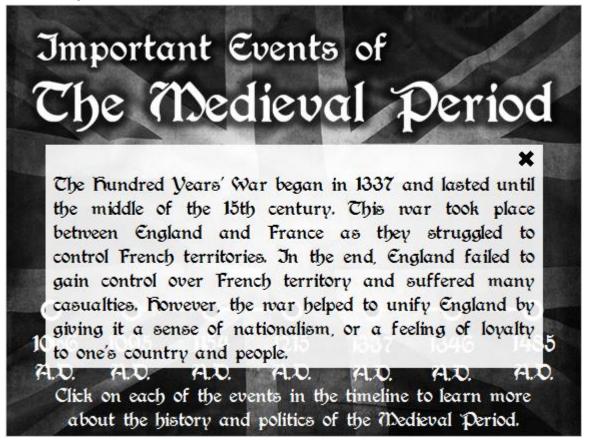






In 1215, King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta. This document mandated that no free man could be punished except through law, a right that is still in existence today.

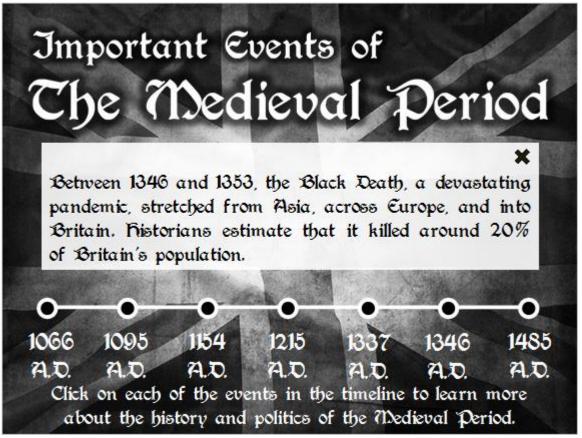




The Hundred Years' War began in 1337 and lasted until the middle of the 15th century. This war took place between England and France as they struggled to control French territories. In the end, England failed to gain control over French territory and suffered many casualties. However, the war helped to unify England by giving it a sense of nationalism, or a feeling of loyalty to one's country and people.



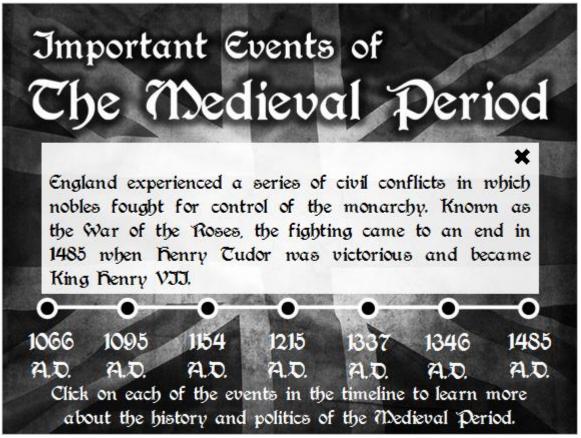




Between 1346 and 1353, the Black Death, a devastating pandemic, stretched from Asia, across Europe, and into Britain. Historians estimate that it killed around 20% of Britain's population.







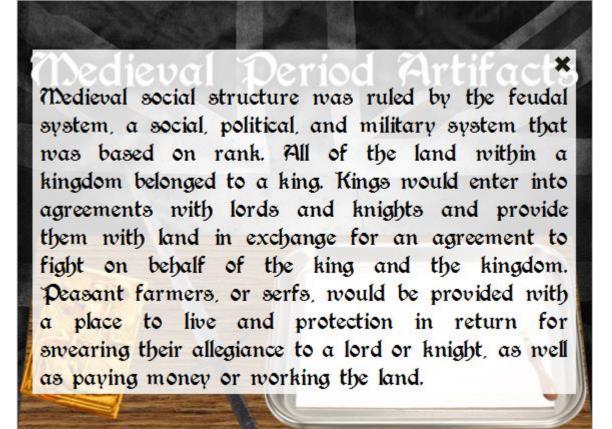
England experienced a series of civil conflicts in which nobles fought for control of the monarchy. Known as the War of the Roses, the fighting came to an end in 1485 when Henry Tudor was victorious and became King Henry VII.





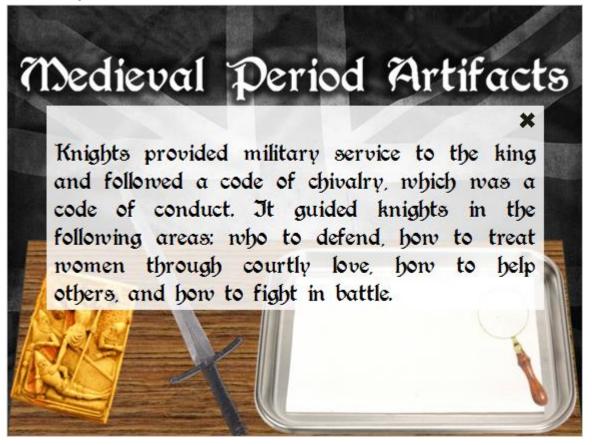
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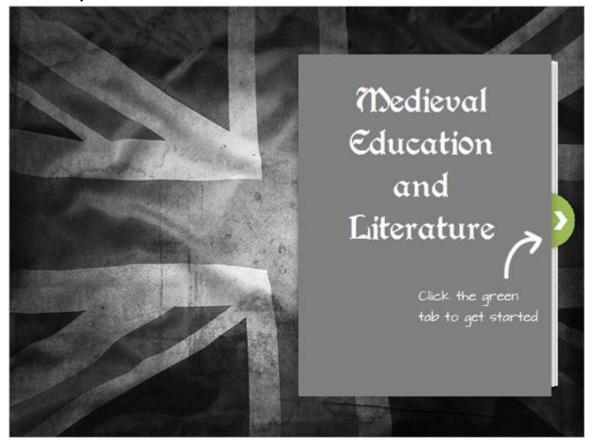
Medieval social structure was ruled by the feudal system, a social, political, and military system that was based on rank. All of the land within a kingdom belonged to a king. Kings would enter into agreements with lords and knights and provide them with land in exchange for an agreement to fight on behalf of the king and the kingdom. Peasant farmers, or serfs, would be provided with a place to live and protection in return for swearing their allegiance to a lord or knight, as well as paying money or working the land.





Knights provided military service to the king and followed a code of chivalry, which was a code of conduct. It guided knights in the following areas: who to defend, how to treat women through courtly love, how to help others, and how to fight in battle.





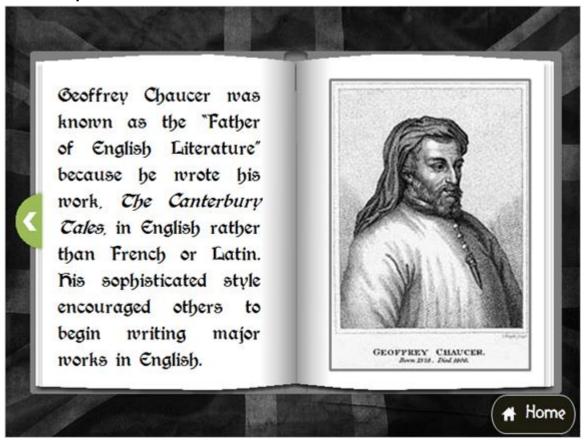
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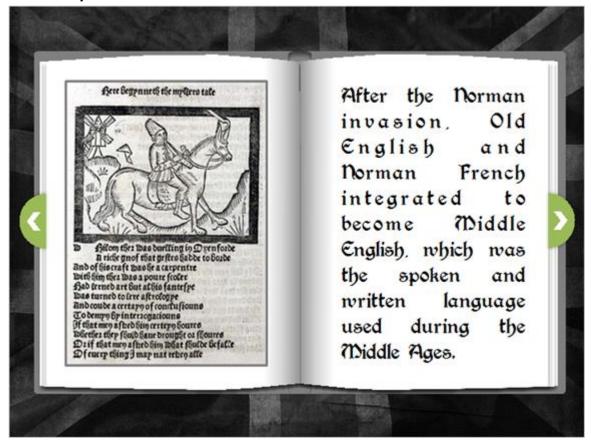
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Geoffrey Chaucer was known as the "Father of English Literature" because he wrote his work, *The Canterbury Tales*, in English rather than French or Latin. His sophisticated style encouraged others to begin writing major works in English.





After the Norman invasion, Old English and Norman French integrated to become Middle English, which was the spoken and written language used during the Middle Ages.

