Chronology of Medieval British History 1307-1485

The period from 1307 to 1485 was a tumultuous time in British history, marked by political upheaval, social change, and cultural developments. This chronology provides a detailed overview of key events, rulers, and social and cultural developments during this period.



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1307-1327: Reign of Edward II

- 1307: Edward II succeeds his father, Edward I, to the throne.
- 1310: Edward II marries Isabella of France.
- 1314: Battle of Bannockburn: Scottish forces defeat the English army, securing Scotland's independence.
- 1325: Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, leads a rebellion against Edward II.

 1327: Edward II is deposed and murdered by his wife, Isabella, and her lover, Roger Mortimer.

1327-1377: Reign of Edward III

- 1327: Edward III, son of Edward II, becomes king at the age of 14.
- 1337: Outbreak of the Hundred Years' War between England and France.
- 1346: Battle of Crécy: English forces defeat the French army, marking a turning point in the Hundred Years' War.
- **1348:** The Black Death, a devastating plague, kills an estimated onethird of the population of England.
- 1356: Battle of Poitiers: English forces capture the French king, John II.
- 1360: Treaty of Brétigny: England and France agree to a truce in the Hundred Years' War.
- 1377: Edward III dies, succeeded by his grandson, Richard II.

1377-1399: Reign of Richard II

- 1377: Richard II, son of the Black Prince, becomes king at the age of 10.
- 1381: Peasants' Revolt: A widespread uprising of peasants and laborers against the government.
- 1386: Marriage of Richard II to Anne of Bohemia.
- 1399: Richard II is deposed by his cousin, Henry IV.

1399-1413: Reign of Henry IV

- 1399: Henry IV, son of John of Gaunt, becomes king.
- 1400: Battle of Shrewsbury: Henry IV defeats the forces of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland.
- 1403: Marriage of Henry IV to Joan of Navarre.
- 1413: Henry IV dies, succeeded by his son, Henry V.

1413-1422: Reign of Henry V

- 1413: Henry V becomes king.
- 1415: Battle of Agincourt: English forces defeat the French army.
- 1420: Treaty of Troyes: Henry V marries Catherine of Valois, daughter of the French king, Charles VI.
- 1422: Henry V dies suddenly, leaving his infant son, Henry VI, as his heir.

1422-1461: Reign of Henry VI

- 1422: Henry VI, son of Henry V, becomes king at the age of 9 months.
- 1429: Joan of Arc leads the French army to victory at the Battle of Orléans.
- 1431: Joan of Arc is captured and burned at the stake.
- 1453: End of the Hundred Years' War with a decisive English victory.
- 1461: Henry VI is overthrown by his cousin, Edward IV.

1461-1485: Reign of Edward IV

- 1461: Edward IV, son of Richard, Duke of York, becomes king.
- 1464: Battle of Towton: Edward IV defeats the forces of Henry VI, securing his throne.
- 1469: Edward IV marries Elizabeth Woodville.
- 1470: The Wars of the Roses, a series of civil wars between the House of York and the House of Lancaster, breaks out.
- 1471: Edward IV is briefly deposed by Henry VI, but regains the throne in 1471.
- 1483: Edward IV dies, leaving his 12-year-old son, Edward V, as his heir.

1483-1485: Reign of Edward V and Richard III

- 1483: Edward V becomes king at the age of 12.
- 1483: Edward V's uncle, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, becomes Lord Protector.
- 1483: Edward V and his younger brother, Richard, Duke of York, disappear in the Tower of London, known as the Princes in the Tower.
- 1483: Richard, Duke of Gloucester, becomes king as Richard III.
- 1485: Battle of Bosworth Field: Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond, defeats Richard III and becomes king as Henry VII, ending the Wars of the Roses.

The period from 1307 to 1485 was a time of great change and upheaval in British history. The Hundred Years' War, the Peasants' Revolt, and the Wars of the Roses all had a profound impact on the political, social, and

cultural landscape of the country. The period also saw the rise of the English language and the development of a new sense of national identity.

Social and Cultural Developments

In addition to the political events outlined above, the period from 1307 to 1485 also saw a number of important social and cultural developments. These included:

- The growth of towns and cities.
- The development of a new merchant class.
- The rise of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
- The emergence of a new literary culture, including the works of Geoffrey Chaucer and William Langland.
- The development

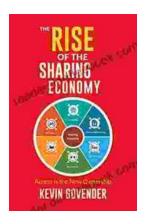


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