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As a devotee of the cult of King Arthur he also attempted to enforce claims to primacy within the British Isles. Wales consisted of a number of princedoms , often in conflict with each other. Llywelyn later died in battle. The Statute of Rhuddlan extended the shire system, bringing Wales into the English legal framework. Edward I of England Edward imposed his authority over church and feudal society, annexed Wales and invaded Scotland Because of his legal reforms Edward is sometimes called The English Justinian , [18] although whether he was a reformer or an autocrat responding to events is debated. His campaigns left him in debt. This necessitated that he gain wider national support for his policies among lesser landowners, merchants and traders so that he could raise taxes through frequently summoned Parliaments. To gain financial support for the war effort, Edward summoned a precedent-setting assembly known as the Model Parliament, which included barons, clergy, knights and townspeople. He also emphasised the role of Parliament and the common law through significant legislation, a survey of local government and the codification of laws originating from Magna Carta with the Statute of Westminster Feudal jurisdiction was regulated by the Statute of Gloucester and Quo Warranto. The Statute of Winchester enforced Plantagenet policing authority. The Statute of Westminster kept estates within families: Quia Emptores stopped sub-infeudation where tenants subcontracted their properties and related feudal services. However, popular prejudice made Jewish movement into mercantile or agricultural pursuits impossible. This proved widely popular and was quickly carried out. First War of Scottish Independence Scene from the Holkham Bible, shows knights and foot soldiers from the period of Bannockburn Edward asserted that the king of Scotland owed him feudal allegiance, which embittered Anglo-Scottish relations for the rest of his reign. Edward was invited by the Scottish magnates to resolve the dispute. He decided the case in favour of John Balliol , who duly swore loyalty to him and became king. At the urging of his chief councillors, John entered into an alliance with France in His commitments were beginning to outweigh his resources. Humphrey de Bohun, 3rd Earl of Hereford and Roger Bigod, 5th Earl of Norfolk , refused to serve in Gascony, and the barons presented a formal statement of their grievances. Edward was forced to reconfirm the charters including Magna Carta to obtain the money he required. A truce and peace treaty with the French king restored the duchy of Gascony to Edward. The new government in Scotland featured Robert the Bruce , but he rebelled and was crowned king of Scotland. Despite failing health, Edward was carried north to pursue another campaign, but he died en route at Burgh by Sands. He was succeeded by his son as Edward II. Great Famine of 1315” In the spring of unusually heavy rain began in much of Europe. Throughout the spring and summer, it continued to rain and the temperature remained cool. These conditions caused widespread crop failures. The price of food began to rise, doubling in England between spring and midsummer. All segments of society from nobles to peasants were affected, but especially the peasants who were the overwhelming majority of the population and who had no reserve food supplies. Finally, in the summer the weather returned to its normal patterns. By now, however, people were so weakened by diseases such as pneumonia , bronchitis , and tuberculosis , and so much of the seed stock had been eaten, that it was not until that the food supply returned to relatively normal conditions and the population began to increase again. In England it returned the initiative to Lancaster and Guy de Beauchamp, 10th Earl of Warwick , who had not taken part in the campaign, claiming that it was in defiance of the Ordinances. As a French vassal, Edward felt this encroachment in Gascony with the French kings adjudicating disputes between him and his French subjects. Without confrontation he could do little but watch the duchy shrink. Edmund of Woodstock, 1st Earl of Kent , decided to resist one such judgement in Saint-Sardos with the result that Charles IV declared the duchy forfeit. Edward resigned Aquitaine and Ponthieu to his son, Prince Edward , who travelled to France to give homage in his stead. With the English heir in her power, Isabella refused to return to England unless Edward II dismissed his favourites and also formed a relationship

with Roger Mortimer, 1st Earl of March. He is generally believed to have been murdered at Berkeley Castle by having a red-hot poker thrust into his bowels. Mortimer was executed, but although removed from power, Isabella was treated well, living in luxury for the next 27 years.

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Court official and poet, the first great author in the English language. Wrote *Canterbury Tales*, Chichele, Henry Archbishop of Canterbury, persecutor of the Lollards. Helped Warwick the Kingmaker depose Edward in , then switched sides to help reinstate him a year later. Arrested and murdered, probably on orders of Edward. Tradition says he was drowned in a vat of wine, though this may be a later story. Dafydd ap Gruffudd d. Later turned on Edward, but was captured and executed. DeSpenser, Hugh le, the Younger d. Edgar the Atheling Grandson of Edmund Ironside, briefly contested the throne with William I but quickly and sensibly submitted. Later fought against Henry I. Deposed and murdered by his wife Isabella and Roger de Mortimer. Briefly deposed by Warwick the Kingmaker , but quickly regained his throne. Helped establish the romantic ideal of chivalry. Eleanor of Castile Queen to Edward I. On her death Edward built "Eleanor Crosses" at each stopping place of her funeral cortege from Norfolk to London. Three of these crosses still remain. Unpopular at court, exiled to France during struggle with the barons, she raised money and troops to support Henry. Promoted her relatives to positions of power. Angered the barons, was eventually seized and killed. Glendower, Owain c Welsh national hero, rebelled with reasonable success against the English in , disappeared mysteriously in Grosseteste, Robert Scholar, Bishop of Lincoln, upheld church against secular authority, but also preached against abuses by the clergy. Gruffudd ap Cynan King of Gwynedd, forced to submit to the Normans. Hamon, Robert Fitz d. Came to the throne on the death of King Stephen in Terrible temper; when he quarreled with Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket , his knights murdered Becket. Reformed the legal system. His sons rebelled against him. Rebelled against his father in Unpopular, barons under Simon de Montfort rebelled and captured him in Restored by his son, Edward. Exiled , he invaded in and seized the crown from Richard II. Put down rebellions in Wales. Bouts of insanity rendered his reign ineffective. Constant conflicts with his barons. A strong administrator, he restored stability and the authority of the crown. Hereward the Wake lived late 11th century English leader, rebelled against William I in His stronghold was at Ely in the Fens. Perhaps bought off by William. Died suspiciously while awaiting trial for treason in Isabella of France Queen to Edward II , estranged from her husband, she led a revolt with her lover, Roger de Mortimer , deposing Edward in , and probably instigating his murder. Isabella ruled as regent with Mortimer until She was pensioned off by her son, Edward III , when he seized power in that year. Married Richard II in Lost most of the English possessions in France. John was forced to sign the Magna Carta after conflict with his barons. John of Salisbury Ally of Thomas a Becket , writer and scholar. Lanfranc Archbishop of Canterbury, supported William I in his struggle with the pope. One of the most learned men of his age. Helped draw up the Magna Carta. Llewelyn the Great Welsh ruler, held much of Gwynedd and the Marches, brought stability to Wales. Disappeared, probably killed in the Battle of Stoke. Later ransomed by Louis of France. Margaret of France Queen to Edward I. Marshall, William, Earl of Pembroke d. Made his fortune at tournament jousting. A crusader, Marshall served under four kings. She invaded England, precipitating years of ruinous civil war. Held peculiar notions for his time about democracy and the rights of the individual. Called the first Parliament to include representatives from the newly important towns. Defeated and killed by Prince Edward at Evesham Together they invaded England, deposed Edward, and were probably responsible for his brutal murder. Ruled as co-regent with Isabella until , when Edward III seized power in his own name and had Mortimer executed for treason. Fell out with Edward, and joined the Lancastrian side. Defeated and killed at the Battle of Barnet by Edward. Oldcastle, Sir John d. Rebelled in , was pardoned, rebelled again, fled the country. Rebelled yet again, and was killed. Percy, Sir Henry "Hotspur" Son of Earl Henry, fought in Scotland, and later joined his father in rebellion and was killed in battle. Chamberlain to Richard III. A great warrior, not a great king. Spent most of his reign crusading, killed in France by an arrow when he removed his helmet to better study a castle he was besieging. Extravagant, he had to accept a commission to run his household affairs. Defeated by Bolingbroke, he died in captivity at Pontefract Castle in Yorkshire. Protector

for his nephew, Edward V. This turned public opinion against Richard, and provided the excuse for the invasion of Henry Tudor. Richard lost the Battle of Bosworth, his crown, and his life to Henry. Defeated and captured at Tinchbrai in , he was kept a prisoner for the rest of his life. Robert, Earl of Gloucester d. He was captured and executed, but his tomb at York Minster became a popular pilgrimage centre. Simnel, Lambert Either a clever impostor or Edward V , depending on your allegiance. Appeared after Edward had disappeared from the Tower of London, he gained support for an invasion of England. Was defeated and captured at Stoke in Stephen I Grandson of William I , he seized the throne in His reign was remarkable for the amount of church building which took place. Executed by Edward II. Warbeck, Perkin Impersonator probably of Richard, the younger of the "Princes in the Tower". Invaded in , was defeated and executed by Henry VII. The tale of Dick Whittington and his cat was probably a pleasant fiction invented long after his death. May have been promised the throne of England, he invaded and took it anyway, defeating Harold at Hastings in Brought Norman influence and custom to England. Responsible for the great Domesday Book of , a very thorough tax record of the entire realm. William II "Rufus". Son of William I , king from Unpopular, he was killed in a hunting accident, or was it murder? His ideas were taken up by the Lollards.

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