

Scheme of Learning: CONFLICT AND UPHEAVAL - ENGLAND 1337-1381

Topic Sequence:

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Life in the 14 th Century	Causes of the Hundred Years War	Events of the Hundred Years War	The Black Death	The Peasant's Revolt	XX	XX	XX

Topic Overview:

The second topic, "Causes of the Hundred Years War," delves into the root causes of one of the most significant conflicts in English history. Students will learn about the political and economic tensions between England and France, as well as the conflicts over territory and the English King's claim to the French throne. By examining these causes, students will gain a deeper understanding of the motivations behind the war and be able to see how the various factors came together to ignite the conflict. This knowledge will serve as a crucial foundation for understanding the events of the Hundred Years War and its eventual outcome.

Lesson Sequence:

Lesson One: Overview of the Hundred Years War

In this lesson, students will gain an understanding of the Hundred Years War, which lasted from 1337 to 1453. Students will learn about the background to the conflict, including the main players, the causes, and the main events. Students will be able to identify key themes such as the territorial disputes and claims of sovereignty.

Lesson Two: Overseas Territories

In this lesson, students will delve deeper into the specific regions that were at the heart of the conflict, including Gascony and Aquitaine. They will learn about the system of homage and the significance of these territories in the context of the war. Students will be able to understand the complex relationships between lords, vassals and the king and how this impacted the conflict.

Lesson Three: England's Relationship with Scotland

In this lesson, students will examine England's relationship with Scotland, including the conflict with Robert the Bruce and the Auld Alliance. Students will learn about the historical context of the war and the role of Scotland in the conflict. They will understand the complex relationships between England, Scotland and France and how this impacted the development of the Hundred Years War. This lesson will also explore the issues of national identity, sovereignty and the impact of alliances in the war.

Lesson Four: Edward III's Claim on the French Throne

In this lesson, students will focus on Edward III's claim on the French throne and the French succession crisis. Students will learn about the legal context of the war, including the impact of Salic Law and the role of Isabella of France. Students will understand the complex relationships between the French and English monarchs, and the impact of inheritance laws on the conflict.

Lesson Five: Confiscation of Aquitaine

This final lesson on the causes of the Hundred Years War will delve into the events leading up to the confiscation of the wealthy French province of Aquitaine by King Edward III. The lesson will focus on the role of Robert of Artois, who had a long-standing dispute with the French royal family and eventually sought refuge with King Edward III. Edward, who also had an interest in acquiring Aquitaine, used this opportunity to reassert his claim to the French Throne. This led to the confiscation of Aquitaine and was a major catalyst for the start of the Hundred Years War

Sequence of Lessons:

1	Overview of the Causes of the Hundred Years War
2	Overseas Territories
3	England's relationship with Scotland
4	Edward III's claim to the French throne
5	Confiscation of Aquitaine
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Topic Resources:

Knowledge Map:	Module Knowledge Map: Conflict and Upheaval	Any other Resources:	
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Assessment:

Knowledge:	9 question knowledge test
Application of Knowledge:	Exam Practice for Questions 1, 4 and 5

Supportive Reading:

Any supported reading listed here	