

How serious was the Peasants' Revolt?

LESSON 3: *What did they WANT?*

Research task

This should be set after the set-up. Again, add or remove support as needed for the class; a reminder of the impact of the Black Death might be needed to set these events in context.

1. What was the STATUTE OF LABOURERS (1351)?
2. What were the SUMPTUARY LAWS (1363)?
3. Why would the peasants be unhappy about these (unprecedented) laws?
4. What was the HUNDRED YEARS' WAR? When did it START? What was it ABOUT?
5. How well was the War going for England between 1370 and 1380?
6. What was the IMPACT of this on the PEASANTS?
7. What was the POLL TAX?
8. Why did the POLL TAX push lots of peasants OVER THE EDGE?

You may find the following a useful starting point:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z93txbk/articles/zyb77yc. Any further research needs to be CHECKED by using at least ONE other website to confirm the details. As ever, please do NOT use Wikipedia.