

# Teacher Fellowship programme: The People of 1381



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St Albans and the people of 1381

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## **St Albans and the people of 1381: Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe?**

The following outlines a possible sequence of lessons focused on St Albans and the people of 1381: *Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe?*

The resources provided in [purple](#) are connected here to specific questions. The narrative of the wider Revolt in 1381 can be found in the 'Support for teacher knowledge updating' section of the website.

### **Lesson 1:**

- (a) Introduction: Blue plaque for John Ball but not for William Grindecobbe – why?**
- (b) What happened during the *Great Rising* of 1381? [[Maps](#)]**
- (c) What happened in St Albans in 1381? [[Events cards and Maps](#)]**

### **Lesson 2:**

- (a) What caused the 1381 Revolt in St Albans? [[Cause cards and Maps](#)]**

### **Lesson 3:**

- (a) Who and how were the St Albans people involved in the 1381 Revolt? [[Top trumps and Maps](#)]**
- (b) What was William Grindecobbe's involvement in the 1381 Revolt? [[Event cards, Top trumps and Maps](#)]**

### **Lesson 4:**

- (a) Was the 1381 Revolt a failure in St Albans? [[Consequence cards and Maps](#)]**

### **Lesson 5:**

- (b) Why do historians disagree about William Grindecobbe, St Albans and the 1381 Revolt [[Interpretations](#)]**

### **Lesson 6:**

- (a) Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe? [[Grindecobbe speech – see Interpretations](#)]**
- (b) What does the 1381 Revolt tell us about the people of St Albans in the fourteenth century?**