

**What happened in England in
1381?**

Look at this image.

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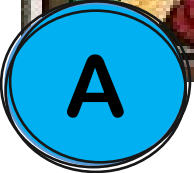


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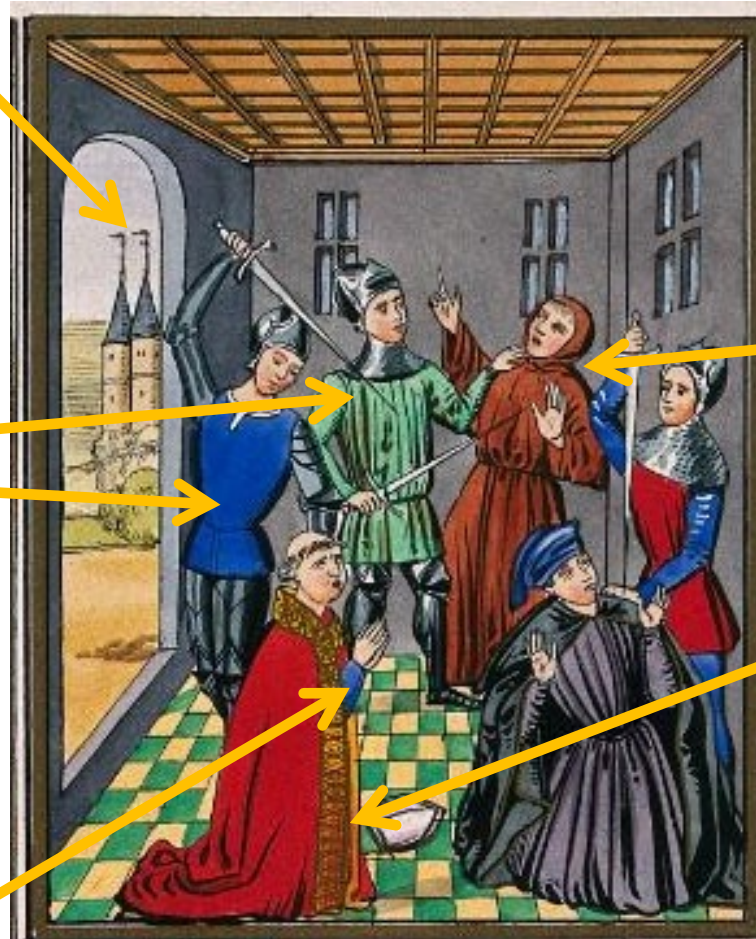
1017 Murders of the Archbishop of Canterbury.



Where is it?

What type of people are these?

What is this gesture?



What type of people are these?



What happened in England in 1381?

Do you have any initial ideas?

Why would people kill Simon
Sudbury?



What happened in England in 1381?

During today's lesson, you will be researching events of 1381 using a series of different sources and interpretations.

We will record our findings on this worksheet.

Let's start with the first item that we have used as evidence.

The worksheet is titled "What happened in England in 1381?". It contains the following sections:

- What happened?
- Motive/causes?
- Where did it take place?
- Who was involved? (Names, groups, occupations)
- Aims?
- Outcomes/results?
- Other information:
- Questions you have:

In the bottom right corner, there is a map of England with regions labeled: North East, East of England, South East, South West, Midlands, and West Midlands.



What happened in England in 1381?

Historians use as many sources and interpretations as they can as evidence, in order to work out what happened in the past.

Today you will be historians!

In this lesson, we will be using lots of sources and interpretations as evidence to find out what happened in 1381.

What happened in England in 1381?

Let's have a look at another source of evidence – this is taken from a *chronicle* from the time.

We'll put our findings onto the sheet.

What happened in England in 1381?

What happened?

Motive/causes?

Where did it take place?

Who was involved? (Names, groups, occupations)

Aims?

Outcomes/results?

Other information:

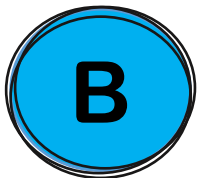
Questions you have:





This illumination from *Chronicles* by Jean Froissart actually shows two scenes from the same event. On the left is the first scene and the second is on the right.

Original image





Who is the figure
in the blue cloak?

What flags can you
see?

Who are the
groups of people?



This shows King Richard II.

In the first scene, one of the leaders, Wat Tyler, is about to be killed by the Mayor of London, William Walworth.



In the second scene, the King is pleading with people to be peaceful and return to their homes.

What happened in England in 1381?

What happened?

Motive/causes?

Where did it take place?

What have you found out?

Who was involved? (Names, groups, occupations)

Aims?

Outcomes/results?

Other information:

Questions you have:



What happened in England in 1381?

Now you will work in pairs/groups and use sources and interpretations as evidence to find out more about the events of 1381.

Be prepared to share your findings with the rest of the class.

We might not be able to fill in all of the boxes, and sometimes we might not be certain about what we find out. This is what historians often experience when carrying out their research too.



What happened in England in 1381?

What happened?

Motive/causes?

Where did it take place?

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What happened in England in 1381?

Motive/causes?

Where did it take place?

What happened?

Still have some gaps? Ideas changed? This is what happens for historians too! Next lesson, we will do some more in-depth research to fill in these gaps.

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Other information:

Questions you have:



What happened in England in 1381?

What do you think this event is called?

The event that we are looking at is commonly known as the Peasants' Revolt.

Do you think that this is what it should be called?



What happened in England in 1381?

This short animation will recap what we have learnt today.



If there is any new information, you can add this to your sheet.

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Where did it take place?

Who was involved? (Names, groups, occupations)

Aims?

Outcomes/results?

Other information:

Questions you have:

A small map of England is located in the bottom right corner of the worksheet. The regions are labeled: North East, North West, Yorkshire, East of England, London, South East, South West, Midlands, and West Midlands.

What happened in England in 1381?

So what happened in 1381?

Can you summarise it in a paragraph?

How would you explain it to other people?



What happened in England in 1381?

Today we've looked at the *traditional interpretation* of the **Peasants' Revolt**. Key parts of it are:

- **There were a variety of causes**
- **The leaders were Wat Tyler and John Ball**
- **They had no clear aim**
- **The peasants rebelled violently against the King**
- **It was mainly in London**
- **It was widespread and serious**
- **It was unsuccessful**



What happened in England in 1381?

Next lesson, we will look at more recent research from historians and see how this changes the traditional interpretation.

