

The Decline of Feudalism

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How did events in Europe contribute to the decline of feudalism and the rise of democratic thought?

PREVIEW

On another sheet of paper, describe an event that you believe has changed the way you live, and explain how that event changed your life.

READING NOTES

Social Studies Vocabulary

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Magna Carta	bubonic plague
habeas corpus	Hundred Years' War
Model Parliament	heretic

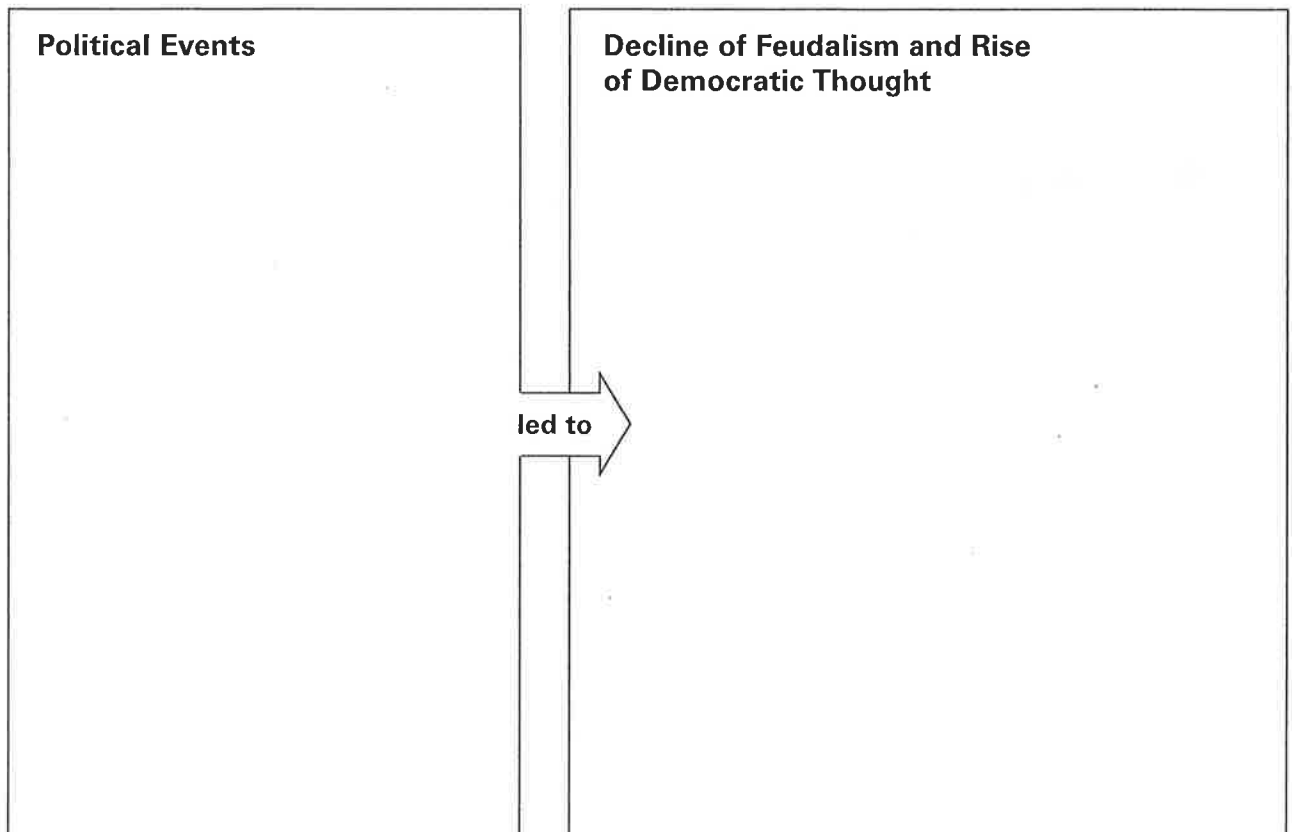
Section 1

1. What changes did Henry II make to the English legal system and how did these changes affect feudalism?

2. What changes did Magna Carta promise to bring about in English government?

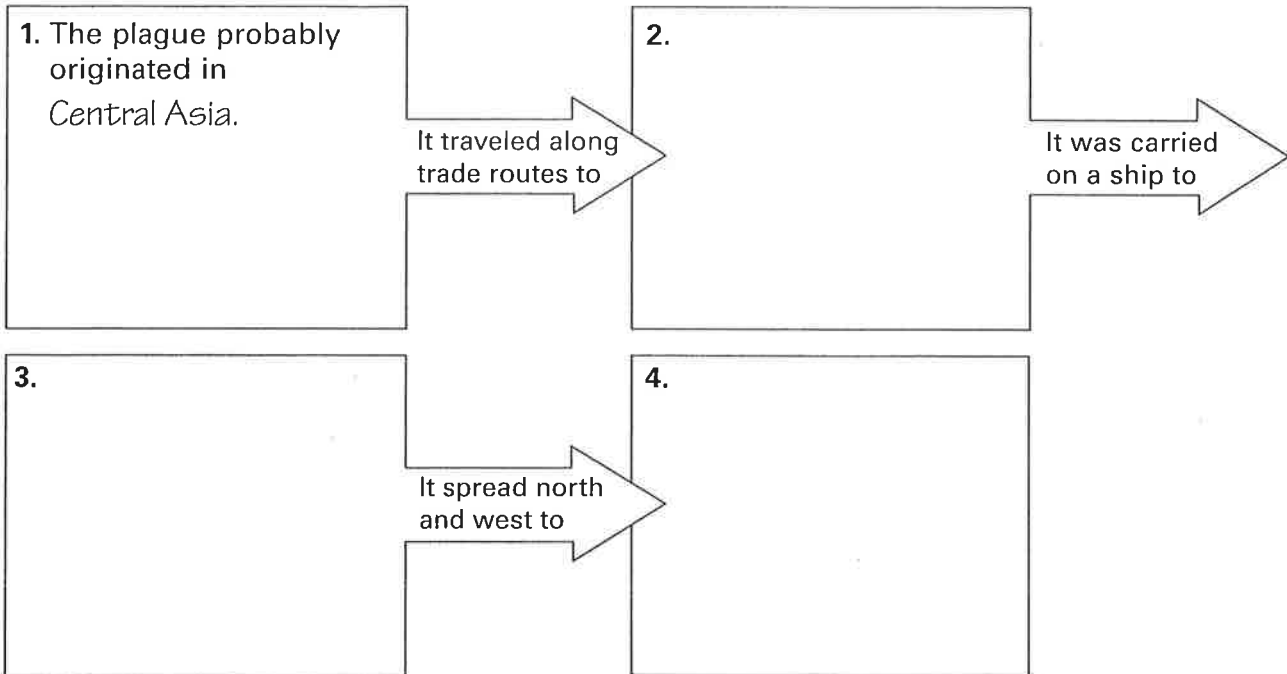
3. What was the Model Parliament, and why was it created?

4. Create at least three sentences using the cause-and-effect diagram below. In the “Political Events” box, list at least three key political developments in medieval Europe. Then, complete the sentences by writing what each development led to in the box to the right.



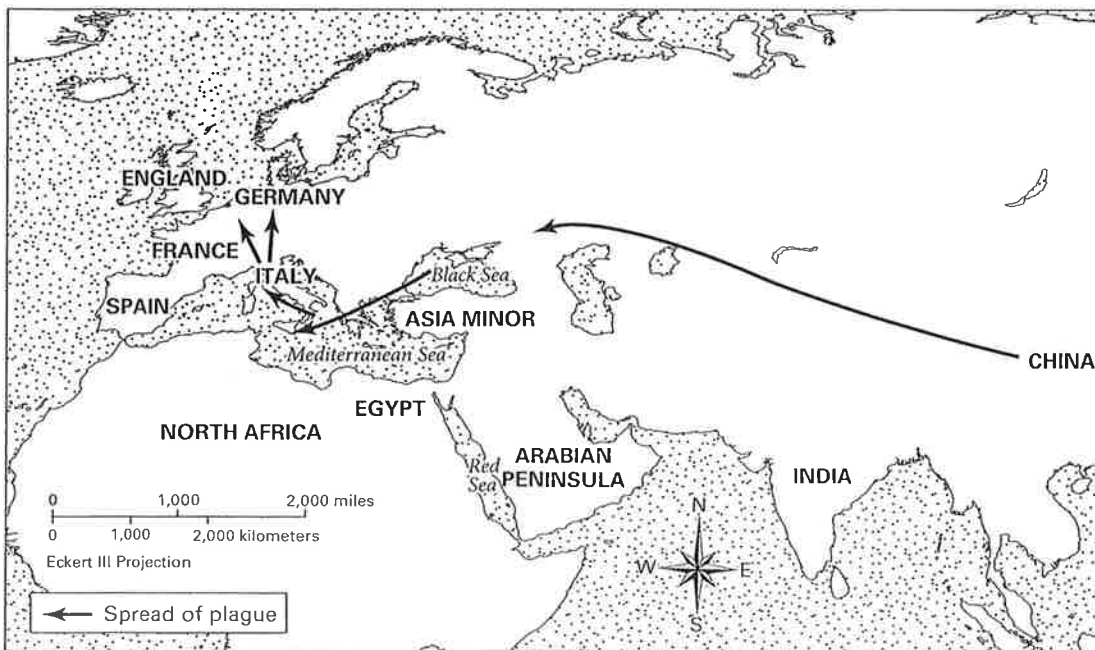
Section 2

1. Write the names of places in the diagram below to describe how the bubonic plague spread in the 14th century.



On the map below, write the numbers from the boxes in the plague diagram in the correct locations to illustrate the spread of the bubonic plague.

The Spread of the Plague in the 14th Century



Section 3

1. How did the Hundred Years' War start?
2. Why were the English able to defeat the French in early battles, such as the one at Crécy?
3. Who was Joan of Arc? What did she do for the French during the Hundred Years' War?
4. List examples of how the outbreak of war in Europe contributed to the decline of feudalism and the rise of democratic thought.

PROCESSING

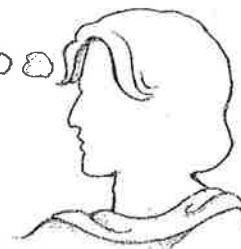
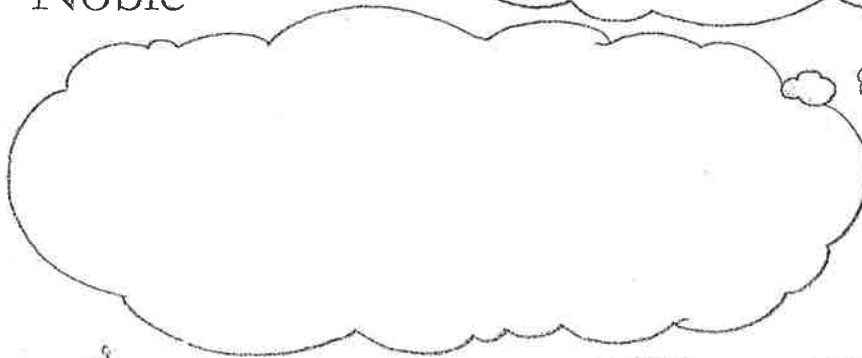
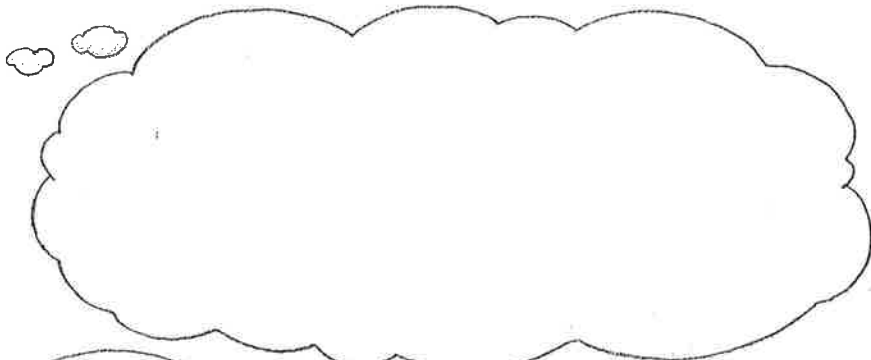
The figures below represent three individuals from medieval Europe—a noble, a peasant, and a king. Draw expressions on each face to show how he might have felt about events that led to feudalism’s decline. Then, fill in each thought bubble by

- describing an event leading to the decline of feudalism from that person’s perspective (include thoughts, feelings, and observations).
- explaining how the event affected that person’s life.
- predicting how the decline of feudalism will affect that person’s role in medieval society.

Check that your writing is free of misspellings and grammatical errors.



Noble



Peasant



King

