

PLANTAGENET KINGS—TIMELINE

- 1151 [Henry Plantagenet](#) marries [Eleanor of Aquitaine](#), heir in France.
- 1154 [Henry Plantagenet](#) assumes the throne on the death of Stephen.
- 1170 [Saint Thomas a Becket](#) is murdered after he defies Henry II.
- 1172 [Henry II](#) **conquers Ireland**.
- 1190 [Richard Coeur de Leon](#) goes on **Third Crusade**.
- 1215 [John Lackland](#) signs Magna Carta.
- 1265 Meeting of first Parliament arranged by [Simon de Montfort](#) .
- 1284 [Edward I](#) conquers Wales.
- 1291 Edward I **conquers Scotland**.
- 1314 Scots, under [Robert the Bruce](#) **win their Independence** at the *Battle of Bannockburn*.
- 1348-1349 Black Plague devastates all of Europe.
- 1337-1453 **Hundred Years War**: England vs. France.
- 1346 [Edward III](#), **victor at the *Battle of Crecy***.
- 1356 [The Black Prince](#) victor at the *Battle of Poitiers*.
- 1415 [Henry V](#), victor at the *Battle of Agincourt*.
- 1428 [Joan of Arc](#), victor at the *Siege of Orleans*.
- 1362 English becomes official legal language, displacing French.
- 1381 The government of Richard II puts down **Wat Tyler's Rebellion**.
- 1399 [Richard II](#) deposed by [Henry Bolingbroke](#).
- 1400 Death of [Geoffrey Chaucer](#), author of *The Canterbury Tales*
- 1403 Henry IV **puts down a rebellion** at the *Battle of Shrewsbury*.
- 1415-1453 [Henry V](#) invades France and re-opens the **Hundred Years War**.
- 1415 [Henry V](#), victor at the *Battle of Agincourt*.
- 1428 [Joan of Arc](#), victor at the *Siege of Orleans*. Tide turns in favor of France.
- 1455-1485 **War of the Roses**
- 1461 Yorkists prevail at *Battle of Towton*; Lancastrians exiled.
- 1469 Lancastrians regain throne thanks to the machinations of [Earl of Warwick](#).
- 1471 Yorkists again prevail at *Battle of Barnet*.
- 1483 [Richard III](#) usurps throne at death of [Edward IV](#).
- 1484 [Henry Tudor](#) defeats Richard III at *Battle of Bosworth Field*.
- 1476 [William Caxton](#) brings a printing press to England. Publishes first book.