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# Anglo-Saxons

A tribe of people from Germany who settled in Britain before the Norman Conquest



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# Conquest

When a country is taken over by another: for example the Norman Conquest after 1066



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# Crusade

A Holy War – usually between Christians and Muslims in the Middle Ages



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# Domesday

The book produced by William the Conqueror in 1088 to work out the wealth of England



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# Feudal

The medieval system where the King gives land to his followers in return for soldiers



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# Medieval

The period otherwise known as the “Middle Ages” (but in the middle of what?)



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# Monarchy

A country ruled by a King or a Queen



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# Nobility

The richest and most powerful people under the **Monarch**. Sometimes called **aristocrats**



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# Normans

The “North men” who came from Norway, settled in Normandy, then invaded Britain



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# Villeins

The poorest class of people in the Middle Ages. Sometimes called peasants



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# Purgatory

The halfway place between heaven and hell.  
Believed in by Catholics, not Protestants



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# Treason

The crime of betraying the King or Queen.  
Punishable by a gruesome death!



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# Armada

The fleet of ships sent by Spain to invade  
England in 1588



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# Cathar

A religious group from the South of France  
who rejected the Catholic Church



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# Catholic

A Christian group that believes that the Pope represents God on earth

Example: "The view that Hitler was responsible for World War Two was **sacrosanct** until Taylor's *Origins of the Second World War*"



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# Protestant

A Christian group that "protests" against the idea that the Pope represents God on earth





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# Pope

The head of the Catholic Church



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# Martyr

Someone who dies for their religious beliefs:  
for example the victims of “Bloody” Mary



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# Civil War

A war fought between people from the same country: e.g. the English Civil War



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# Divine Right

The belief that Kings and Queens are put in place by God and can never be wrong



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# Indulgence

A document that could be bought from a priest which promised you a place in heaven



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# Reformation

The period when the Christian Church split into two pieces: Protestant and Catholic



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# Renaissance

The period of “rebirth” in the arts and sciences that started in Italy in the 1400s



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# Clergy

The people who work in the Church (Popes, Bishops, Priests, Monks and Nuns).



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# Revolution

A sudden and usually violent change in  
government



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# Republic

A country which doesn't have a King or a  
Queen



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# Constitution

A “rule book” for government designed to make sure people’s rights are respected



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# Proletariat

Working-class people who live in the cities  
(peasants live in the countryside)



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# Bourgeoisie

The “middle class” people who are neither members of the nobility or the peasantry



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# Enlightenment

The period in the 1700s when reason began to replace superstition



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# Slave

Someone who has to work for nothing and is merely the property of someone else



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# Trade Triangle

The slave trade route between America, Africa and Europe





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# Middle Passage

The awful journey made by slaves kidnapped from Africa to the West Indies



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# Abolitionist

Someone who campaigned to get rid of (abolish) the slave trade



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# Religious

Something to do with the Church



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# Social

Something to do with everyday life



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# Political

Something to do with how the country is run



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# Economic

Something to do with money and wealth



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# Government

The people in charge of running the country



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# Propaganda

Advertising by the government, trying to make  
you think in a certain way



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# Censorship

When the government tries to stop you learning about what is going on



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# Rebel

Someone who fights against the “accepted” way of doing things