Your notes

GCSE History: revision notes

Medieval England: the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307

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Edward I and government

- Edward I became king in 1272 while away on crusade. He reformed the law with **statutes** such as the **Statutes** of Westminster, and his **Quo Warranto** inquiries asked by what right lords held their powers.
- He called parliaments often to raise taxes; the **Model Parliament** (1295) included knights and townsmen as well as lords.

Wales

- Edward fought Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, Prince of Wales, in 1277 and again in 1282–83. Llywelyn was killed in 1282.
- The **Statute of Rhuddlan** (1284) brought Wales under English rule, and Edward built great castles such as Conwy, Caernarfon, Harlech and Beaumaris.

Scotland and the Jews

- Edward chose John Balliol as King of Scots after the **Great Cause** (1291–92), then invaded Scotland in 1296 and took the Stone of Scone. William Wallace won at Stirling Bridge (1297), lost at Falkirk (1298) and was executed in 1305. Robert the Bruce was crowned in 1306.
- The **Statute** of the Jewry (1275) banned Jewish moneylending, and in 1290 Edward expelled the Jews from England. He died in 1307, on his way to fight the Scots.

Key terms

Statute	A law made by the king in Parliament.
Quo Warranto	Inquiries into 'by what warrant' lords held their rights.
Model Parliament	The 1295 parliament with lords, knights and townsmen.

Statute of Rhuddlan	The 1284 law bringing Wales under English rule.
Great Cause	The 1291–92 dispute over who should be King of Scots.
Edict of Expulsion	Edward's 1290 order expelling the Jews.

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Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. Where was Edward I when he became king in 1272?
2. What were the Quo Warranto inquiries?
3. What was the Model Parliament (1295)?
4. Which Welsh prince was killed in 1282?
5. What did the Statute of Rhuddlan (1284) do?
6. Which of these castles did Edward build in Wales?
7. Who won the Battle of Stirling Bridge (1297)?
8. What did Edward take from Scotland in 1296?

Answers

1. Away on crusade
2. Asking by what right lords held their powers
3. A parliament including knights and townsmen as well as lords
4. Llywelyn ap Gruffudd
5. Brought Wales under English rule
6. Caernarfon
7. William Wallace
8. The Stone of Scone

What to do next

Practise 10 questions on this topic

Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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