PART I: 1028-1214

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR • 1028-1087
The first Norman king of England.............. 2

BATTLE OF HASTINGS • 1066
The fateful battle between William the Conqueror and King Harold II ............. 6

SIEGE OF JERUSALEM • 1099
The major siege of the First Crusade ........ 10

DEATH OF WILLIAM RUFUS • 1100
The suspicious killing of the son of William the Conqueror ..................... 14

ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE • 1122-1204
One of the most powerful women in medieval history............................... 18

BATTLE OF THE STANDARD • 1138
A battle between Scottish and English forces........................................... 21

SIEGE OF ACRE • 1189-1191
A key victory for the Crusaders during the Third Crusade ...................... 24

THE CAPTIVITY OF RICHARD THE LIONHEART • 1192
The ransomed king.................................................. 28

EXCOMMUNICATION OF KING JOHN • 1209
A disagreement with the pope......................... 31

THE FOUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD • 1214
The chartering of one of the oldest universities in the world..................... 34

ROBIN HOOD • c.1200
The fabled merry archer............................... 37

PART II: 1215-1345

SIGNING OF MAGNA CARTA • 1215
The signing of the historic document at Runnymede............................... 42

MATTHEW PARIS • 1200-1259
The English monk and chronicler .................. 45

ROGER BACON • 1214-1292
The medieval scientist........................................ 50

TREATY OF YORK • 1237
The agreement between Henry III of England and Alexander II of Scotland .... 54

FIRST ENGLISH PARLIAMENT • 1265
A council of barons advises the king .......... 58
WILLIAM WALLACE • 1270 - 1305
The Scottish freedom fighter......................... 61

BATTLE OF FALKIRK • 1298
The decisive English victory
over the Scottish........................................ 65

FIRST ENGLISH PRINCE
OF WALES • 1301
Edward of Caernarvon becomes the
first English Prince of Wales ..................... 69

THE GREAT FAMINE • 1315 - 1317
An unendurable hunger................................. 73

TREATY OF EDINBURGH-
NORTHAMPTON • 1328
A short-lived Scottish independence
from England........................................... 76

PART III: 1346 - 1485

BATTLE OF CRÉCY • 1346
An early battle in the Hundred Years’ War... 82

GEOFFREY CHAUCER • 1343 - 1400
A poet of the Middle Ages ......................... 86

THE BLACK DEATH • 1348 - 1350
A grave sickness fell to England,
and the world ........................................... 89

ANNE OF BOHEMIA • 1366 - 1394
Good Queen Anne........................................ 92

MARGERY KEMPE • 1373 - 1438
The pilgrim, author, and Christian mystic ... 95

PEASANTS’ REVOLT • 1381
The serfs’ revolt against Richard II ........... 98

TREATY OF WINDSOR • 1386
The treaty that started the oldest
ongoing alliance in the world ..................... 102

BATTLE OF AGINCOURT • 1415
The Hundred Years’ War continues .......... 105

FIRST BATTLE OF ST ALBANS • 1455
The beginning of the Wars of the Roses ... 109

BATTLE OF TOWTON • 1461
A bloody battle in the Wars of the Roses ... 113

BATTLE OF BOSWORTH FIELD • 1485
Henry Tudor takes the crown .................... 116

SCHOLARS............................................... 120

BUILDERS............................................... 122