

Lesson 2 Teacher Notes

Please read these notes in conjunction with the lesson plan and resources. They explain the underlying principles of the lesson and suggest approaches to teaching the material.

Key concepts: ambition, power, civil war, Christendom

Element	Activity	Evidence of Learning
PPT 1-2: Intro	Teacher remind students of the enquiry question	
PPT 3: Revisit Lesson 1 plenary	Pupil discussion and whole class answer	A simple recap of the enquiry question and the previous lesson. Students need to know that they will use their previous learning in this lesson. Teachers will want to check that key facts and terms have been remembered.
PPT 4-5: Main Activity 1 - Dual coding/ summarising exercise - The Context of the Becket Affair	<p>Hand out blank Context Summary worksheet. Give a pair of students one of the sections of Context Info to summarise, then move on to an envoy exercise (the Context Info sheets can be cut in half so that one section is on each A5-sized sheet).</p> <p>Once students have summarised one context section, teacher organise an envoy-style exercise where students share the information they have learned with other members of their group and teach one another. All students will then have a completed Context Summary worksheet.</p>	<p>This activity is designed to teach students the broader context of the Becket Affair and show that context plays key a role in deciding the outcome of events.</p> <p>In order to summarise the contextual information and present it in a new format, students need to work to understand it.</p> <p>The topics should prove to be accessible to all with support for unfamiliar concepts and language.</p> <p>We recommend providing the most able students with the topic, 'Henry II was unstable following the civil war' as this</p>

	(Alternatively, teachers may want students to work on all four context sections in one go.)	will require them to reflect upon the standard previous topic of the Normans.
PPT 6: Main Activity 2 - Colour code sorting - Key themes of the Becket Affair	Students should colour-code their Context Summary worksheet into the key themes of Personal Ambition, Securing the Monarchy, Church Politics and England as part of Christendom.	These themes are a part of other historic power struggles, and thus this task introduces/recalls to students ideas that will crop up again in their other History lessons. As this task is happening, teachers should draw out how the Becket Affair can illustrate these themes to prepare students for the final task.
PPT 7: Plenary – Dedicated improvement and reflection time (DIRT) - What does the Becket Affair reveal about kings and the Church in 12 th century England?	Hold a class discussion to draw out key points so that students are ready to write their paragraphs. You may want to give students some sentence starters, for e.g.: <i>“The Becket Affair reveals important information about kings and the Church in 12th century England...</i> <i>For example, it reveals how personal ambition could shape events...</i> <i>It also tells us much about the Church and politics...</i> <i>Henry II was keen to secure the monarchy after a period of civil war by...</i>	Following this lesson, students should now be able to critically assess and evaluate their initial thoughts on the key question about what the Becket Affair reveals about kings and the Church in 12 th century England, including the role that context plays in the events. Very knowledgeable students should be challenged to make connections with other periods they have studied.

	<p>An alternative for students who find writing a complex paragraph difficult would be to design some true/false statements to test their learning. To help teachers, here are some suggested examples:</p> <p>T/F? Becket and Henry II were bitter enemies who opposed each other from start, which led to the exile and dramatic murder of Becket.</p> <p>T/F? Henry II was keen to increase royal power in order to restore the power of the monarchy, which had been weak during the civil war between Matilda and Stephen.</p> <p>T/F? The Pope did not need to support Henry II in his efforts to establish power as king.</p> <p>T/F? Henry II was able to exploit the divisions within in the Church in England, fuelled by the rivalry between the archbishops of York and Canterbury.</p>	
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