

## Knowledge organiser: Religion in Medieval England

Christianity was central to the lives of medieval people in England. It gave people jobs, influenced their ideas and led to huge arguments.		<b>Chronology: what happened on these dates?</b>		<b>Vocabulary: define these words</b>	
		<b>1162</b>	Henry II asks Thomas Becket to become Archbishop of Canterbury.	<b>Purgatory</b>	A part of the afterlife where, it is believed, sinners are punished.
<b>Summarise your learning</b>		<b>October 1164</b>	Henry puts Thomas on trial for treason but he runs away to France.	<b>Penance</b>	A punishment for sin.
<b>Topic 1:</b> Journey to the afterlife	People believed in purgatory, heaven and hell. They took actions to make up for their sins during their lifetimes.	<b>May 1166</b>	Thomas is given the power to excommunicate people.	<b>Pilgrimage</b>	A journey with a religious purpose.
<b>Topic 2:</b> Church career options	Religious people chose to become priests, monks or nuns. They helped their local community in various ways.	<b>November 1170</b>	Thomas excommunicates three bishops who were loyal to Henry.	<b>Monastery/Convent</b>	A place where monks or nuns live.
		<b>December 1170</b>	Thomas is murdered in Canterbury Cathedral.	<b>Priest</b>	A person who can deliver sacraments to a local community.
<b>Topic 3:</b> Religion and ideas	Ideas about God influenced criminal trials, scientific explanations, medicine, warfare and architecture.	<b>1174</b>	Henry goes on a pilgrimage to Thomas's tomb.	<b>Monk/Nun</b>	A person who has taken vows in order to lead a religious life.
		<b>Who were these people? What were these events?</b>		<b>Trial by ordeal</b>	A trial judged by God in which the accused takes part in a physical test.
<b>Topic 4:</b> Henry and Thomas argue	Henry II wanted to control the Church, using Thomas Becket to help him. Thomas would not help.	<b>Christian knights</b>	In 1098, at the Battle of Antioch, Christian knights reported that saints had fought with them in battle.		
		<b>Benedictines</b>	A religious order, whose members spent most of the day in prayer.		
<b>Topic 5:</b> Murder of Thomas Becket	Henry II went into a rage, causing some of his knights to murder Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.	<b>Thomas Becket</b>	An important archbishop, who was murdered by Henry II's knights.	<b>Pope</b>	The person in charge of the entire Catholic Church.
		<b>Thomas' martyrdom</b>	In 1173, the pope made Thomas a saint.	<b>The Church</b>	An institution that controls the lives and beliefs of Christians.
<b>Topic 6:</b> Limits to Church power	The state was still very powerful and some people led unChristian lives or practised magic.	<b>Henry II</b>	A powerful king, who argued with the Church.	<b>Excommunication</b>	A punishment in which a person is banned from Church services.
		<b>King John</b>	A weak king, who argued with the pope over jobs in the Church.	<b>The state</b>	The kings, lords and others who run a country.