

# Battles That Shaped Britain's History

Teachers' Notes : Agincourt 1415

*Battles That Shaped Britain's History* is a terms project that looks at key battles over the last 2000 years. This week we are looking at one of the key battles of the Hundred Years war, Agincourt in 1415.

1. Look at the time line and where this battle fits in. The middle Ages was punctuated with many small wars and castle life.
2. There is an information pack of 7 pages about the Hundred Years war, the battle of Agincourt and King Henry V.
3. **First Activity:** The activities pages start with a cloze passage about the Hundred Years war. Children can either just fill in the spaces or rewrite the whole passage. They need to read page 1 of the information pages.

**Second Activity:** The second activity again is a comprehension task and requires sentence answers. They need to read page 2 of the information sheets.

**Third Activity:** The children can choose one from a choice of 4 extended activities that require reading and research skills and writing in paragraphs. Activities 1-3 start with the information sheets and can be completed just using those if the pupils have no access to books or the internet. Activity 4 , about castle life, needs further resources.

Some internet sites worth looking at are:

[www.britanexpress.com/history/battles](http://www.britanexpress.com/history/battles)  
[www.historyonthenet.com](http://www.historyonthenet.com)  
[www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com)  
[www.history-uk.com](http://www.history-uk.com)  
[www.britishbattles.com](http://www.britishbattles.com)

## Taking Notes Effectively

**What is the piece of writing about ?**

*Read the introduction and headings.*

*Look at the illustrations, charts and graphs and read the captions.*

**What are the main points or ideas ?**

*Read through carefully thinking about what the main points or ideas are.*

**Make your notes**

*In your own words, summarize the information. Do not copy information directly from the book or internet. If you include a quote that is written in the book, use quotation marks.*