PREVIEW 5



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Describe three events that you believe have changed the way you live, and explain how each event changed your life. For example, you might have hurt yourself playing a particular sport, and now you have taken up another sport.

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READING NOTES 5

Read Sections 5.2 to 5.4, and answer the related questions.





5.2 Political Developments in England

- 1. How did Henry II improve English law?
- 2. What changes did the Magna Carta bring about in English government?
- 3. What was the Model Parliament, and why was it created?
- 4. How did these political developments in England contribute to the decline of feudalism in Europe?

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5.3 The Bubonic Plague

- 1. What areas of the world were affected by the spread of the plague in the 14th century?
- 2. Why was the plague called the Black Death?
- 3. How was the plague spread?
- 4. How did the outbreak of plague in the 14th century contribute to the decline of feudalism in Europe?



5.4 The Hundred Years' War

- 1. How did the Hundred Years' War start?
- 2. Why were the English able to defeat the French in early battles, such as the one at Crecy?
- 3. Who was Joan of Arc? What did she do for the French during the Hundred Years' War?
- 4. How did the war contribute to the decline of feudalism?



PROCESSING 5

Draw facial features to express how these three individuals might have felt about events that led to feudalism's decline. Fill in each thought bubble by

- describing an event leading to the decline of feudalism from that person's perspective (include thoughts, feelings, and observations).
- explaining how the event affected that person's life.
- predicting how the decline of feudalism will affect that person's role in medieval society.

Check that your writing is free of misspellings and grammatical errors.

