

Quiz #22
Note Sheet
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King Henry II - One of the strongest Monarchs in history and established a new system of justice in England.

Eleanor of Aquitaine – Grandmother of Europe and considered one of the greatest female rulers. Wife of Henry II, mother of Richard the Lionheart and John

New System of Justice in England

- **Courts** – In place of lords, judges would now hear cases and apply the law equally throughout the land.
- **Juries** – Rather than local laws and customs, a group of people would now determine guilt or innocence.
- **Common law** – All judges would now record their decisions and would use those decisions to help with later cases.
- All these things helped unite England

King John – Brother of Richard the Lionheart and became king of England after Richard died.

Considered one of the worst kings in history

- Ignored the nobles and their advice
- Fought with church leaders
- Got into wars and raised taxes extremely high

The nobles and the church joined forces to oppose John.

They forced John to sign **The Magna Carta**.

- Forced the king to rule within the limits of the law.
- Gave the people more of a say and power in government.
- Considered the foundation of modern constitutional governments.

The 100 Years War

- The war actually lasted 116 years
- Between England and France
- They were fighting over land, needed to fight against famine, and the rightful claim to the French throne.
- England would eventually lose the war and much of its French territory.

Joan of Arc

- Peasant girl who believed God wanted her to help the French win the 100 Years War.
- At the age of 16, led the defense of the city of Orleans.
- Inspired and united the French people, helping them eventually win the war.
- Was captured by the British and burned at the stake at the age of 19.