

## How far were people in the Middle Ages stupid, superstitious and scared? - Knowledge Organiser

### Key Dates

<b>476</b>	The sack of Rome-seen as marking the end of the Roman Empire.
<b>1066</b>	William the Conqueror becomes King of England.
<b>1170</b>	Thomas Becket murdered in Canterbury Cathedral.
<b>1215</b>	Magna Carta is signed by King John.
<b>1348</b>	The year the Black Death arrived in England.
<b>1500</b>	Popular end date for the Middle Ages.

### Key People

<b>William the Conqueror</b>	First Norman King of England.
<b>King John</b>	King between 1199 and 1216. He signed the Magna Carta.
<b>King Henry II</b>	King of England between 1154 and 1189
<b>Thomas Becket</b>	Archbishop of Canterbury until his murder in 1170.

### Key Terms

<b>Middle Ages</b>	The period between the fall of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Renaissance/Age of Discovery.
<b>Stupid</b>	Having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense.
<b>Superstitious</b>	Believing in things which are not real or possible, for example magic.
<b>Scared</b>	Being frightened, nervous or worried about something.
<b>Feudal System</b>	The name for a power structure where people were loaned land in return for promising loyalty, and providing services such as working or fighting for their lord.
<b>Baron</b>	Supplied an army of knights for the king when there was a war.
<b>Knight</b>	Fought for the king in times of war.
<b>Peasant</b>	At the bottom of the social hierarchy. Worked on the land.
<b>Magna Carta</b>	Signed in 1215, it was the first document which outlined that the king was not above the law.
<b>The Pope</b>	Head of the Catholic Church.
<b>Catholicism</b>	A branch of Christianity.
<b>Archbishop of Canterbury</b>	The most senior bishop in the Church of England.
<b>The Black Death</b>	A serious outbreak of plague which arrived in Europe in 1347. It was carried in the digestive system of fleas which were carried on rats.
<b>Religious</b>	Believing or having faith in a religion.