

# Major Events, People and Books of the 14th Century

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## A time line of major events of the 14th century

**1272:** Coronation of Edward I.

**July 7th, 1307:** Death of Edward I.

**1307:** Coronation of Edward II.

**1308:** Wedding of Isabella of France to Edward II.

**June 19th, 1312:** The murder of Piers Gaveston.

**1314:** Battle of Bannockburn.

**1321:** The death of Dante.

**1326:** The executions of Hugh Despenser and Hugh Despenser the younger.

**September, 1327:** Murder of Edward II.

**February 1st, 1327:** Coronation of Edward III.

**1337:** Beginning of Hundred years war.

**1346:** Battle of Crecy.

**October, 1347-1353:** The Black Death (England, late 1348-1353).

**April 23rd, 1350:** Foundation of the order of the Garter.

**Circa 1350:** Boccaccio wrote the Decameron.

**1356:** The battle of Potiers.

**1362:** Langland released the first version of Piers Plowman.

**July 18th, 1374:** Petrarch died.

**1375:** The death of Boccaccio.

**June 8th, 1376:** Death of Edward the Black Prince.

**June 21st, 1377:** Death of Edward III.

**1377:** Coronation of Richard II.

**1378-1417:** The Papal Schism.

**1379-1382:** The rise of John Wycliffe and the Lollard Heresy.

**June 7th, 1381:** The great English peasant revolt.

**1386:** Geoffrey Chaucer began The Canterbury Tales.

**August 8th, 1388:** The battle of Otterburn.

**Circa 1390:** Forme of Cury was written.

**1393:** The Goodman Of Paris was written.

**Summer, 1399:** The deposition of Richard II.

**October 13, 1399:** Coronation of Henry IV.

**February, 1400:** The Death of Richard II.

**1400:** The death of Chaucer.

**A list of important figures of the age:**

Geoffrey Chaucer (England)  
Richard II (England)  
Edward I (England)  
Edward II (England)  
Edward III (England)  
Edward The Black Prince (England)  
John II the Good (France)  
Wat Tyler (England)  
Robert The Bruce (Scotland)  
Boccaccio (Italy)  
Dante (Italy)  
Petrarch (Italy)  
Jean Froissart (France)  
John of Gaunt (England)  
Hugh Despenser (England)  
Hugh Despenser the younger (England)  
Henry Hotspur (England)  
Philip IV The fair (France)  
Charles IV (France)  
Charles V (France)  
Charles VI (France)  
Charles de Blois (France)  
John Wycliffe (England)  
Thomas Langland (England)  
Isabella Of France (France & England)  
James Earl of Douglas (Scotland)

**Major literary works of the 14th century**

The Canterbury Tales Geoffrey Chaucer  
The Decameron Boccaccio  
The Divine Comedy Dante Alegheri  
Froisart's Chronicles  
Piers Plowman Thomas Langland  
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight The Pearl Poet  
Pearl The Pearl Poet