

Transition to the Modern Age

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Development	Impact of This Event	Connection to Modern Societies
1215 Signing of Magna Carta		
1272 Edward I of England establishes a Parliament to advise him.		
1200s Universities are established in several of the major cities of Europe.		
1337-1453 Hundred Years' War England uses longbows with steel-tipped arrows instead of crossbows. England uses the first cannon at the Battle of Crécy in 1346. Great numbers of English and French peasants die in the war.		

<p>1381 English Peasants' revolt against serfdom and excessive taxes.</p>		
<p>1400s European towns grow larger, more wealthy, and more independent from the nobility.</p>		
<p>1440 Johannes Gutenberg makes the first printing press in Europe.</p>		
<p>1469 Ferdinand and Isabella unite Spain as a Catholic monarchy, expelling Jews and Muslims from the country.</p>		
<p>Other developments in the medieval period:</p>		