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Henry II's Reign and the Rise of the Plantagenets



In the 12th century, the _____ dynasty began with Henry II, a king whose reign significantly shaped the English monarchy. Henry was not only a _____ of England but also controlled large parts of what is now France. His marriage to _____ of Aquitaine added vast territories to the Plantagenet realm. Known for his sharp _____, Henry II implemented legal reforms that laid the foundation for the English Common _____. One of his notable achievements was the establishment of the _____ system, which is still in use today. Henry was also involved in a famous conflict with Thomas _____, the Archbishop of Canterbury, over the rights and privileges of the _____. This dispute eventually led to Becket's murder, causing a scandal that tarnished Henry's _____. Despite this, Henry II managed to expand his territories through military campaigns in _____, bringing the island under English control for the first time. His sons, _____ the Lionheart and John, would later inherit a vast and complex empire, but it was _____'s administrative and legal changes that had a lasting impact on English society. His _____ to consolidate royal power and establish a system of governance were crucial in the _____ of the nation-state. Henry II's reign marked the beginning of a period of _____ and reform that would eventually lead to the formation of the modern United _____.

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