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## Justice and the Peasants' Revolt



In 1381, the	of England rose up in what is now known as the	
Peasants' Revolt. Their grid	evances were many, but at	the heart was a demand for
The	immediate cause of their	unrest was the imposition of a
, whi	ch was seen as unfair beca	use it was the same amount for
everyone, regardless of inc	come. The	of the revolt, including a mar
named Wat Tyler, sought to	o negotiate with	Richard II for the
abolition of serfdom, lower	taxes, and a fairer system	n of
The revolt was characterize	ed by its violence as peaso	ints marched on London, attacking
and	destroying legal documen	ts. They believed these documents
represented the unjust laws that kept them in		When they reached
London, the king agreed to	meet with them. At this m	neeting, a
event occurred: Wat Tyler	was killed, and the revolt l	ost its leader. Despite this,
initi	ally agreed to their demar	nds. However, once the threat was
perceived as over, he	all prom	ises, and the leaders of the revolt
were executed.		
The peasants' revolt did no	t immediately change the	or bring
about the justice the rebels	s sought. Yet, it is rememb	pered as a significant
to t	he feudal system and a cal	l for justice that resonated through
history. The revolt showed	the	of collective action and the desire
for a society where laws an	d taxes were fair and just	for
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