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The Plantagenet Era and Commons



During the Plantagenet era, spanning from the mid-12th to the late 15th century, the _____ of the commons played a pivotal role in English society. These were areas of land where local people had certain rights, such as grazing their _____, collecting firewood, or fishing. Despite being owned by the monarch or a noble, these rights allowed _____ some degree of economic autonomy. In many villages, the commons were essential for the _____ of the community, providing resources that individual smallholders could not access on their own. However, the _____ between the monarchy and the commons was not always harmonious. The enclosure _____, which began in earnest during this period, saw common lands being fenced off by _____ for private use, often with the backing of the monarchy. This led to widespread _____ and even rebellions, as people saw their traditional rights eroding. Figures like _____ emerged, leading the Peasants' Revolt in 1381 partly in response to these enclosures. The revolt highlighted the _____ between the common people and the ruling class, a theme that would continue throughout English history. Despite these conflicts, the commons _____ under the Plantagenets laid the groundwork for certain democratic principles in England, including the idea that the _____ should have a say in the use of local resources. Over time, while the power of the monarchy increased, the _____ of the commons and the rights of commoners began to be recognized in English _____, setting precedents for future generations.

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