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# The Turning Point of the Hundred Years' War



In the heart of the 14th century, the Hundred Years' War between England and \_\_\_\_\_ was raging. This conflict saw many significant battles, but one of the most crucial was the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_. It took place in 1356, led by two notable figures. On the French side was King \_\_\_\_\_, while the English forces were commanded by Edward, the Black \_\_\_\_\_. The English army, though outnumbered, was highly disciplined and used longbows to devastating \_\_\_\_\_. The French, confident in their numbers, launched a direct \_\_\_\_\_ but were met with a shower of arrows that decimated their forces. The \_\_\_\_\_, a key component of medieval warfare, was particularly affected. As the battle progressed, the \_\_\_\_\_ managed to capture King John II, a turning point in the war. This victory at Poitiers significantly weakened the French \_\_\_\_\_ and led to a period known as the Great Interregnum, during which France experienced political \_\_\_\_\_ and internal strife. The capture of the French king forced France to sign the Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_, which ceded large territories to England and marked a high point in English medieval \_\_\_\_\_. However, this triumph was not to last. The war continued for many more decades, witnessing ups and downs for both \_\_\_\_\_. Ultimately, the Hundred Years' War shaped the course of European history, with the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ being one of its defining moments.

Prince

English

France

John II

effect

sides

history

Poitiers

Brétigny

instability

cavalry

monarchy

Poitiers

assault