

Section 3

Democracy Develops in England

England begins to develop democratic institutions that limit the power of the monarchy.



Reforms in Medieval England

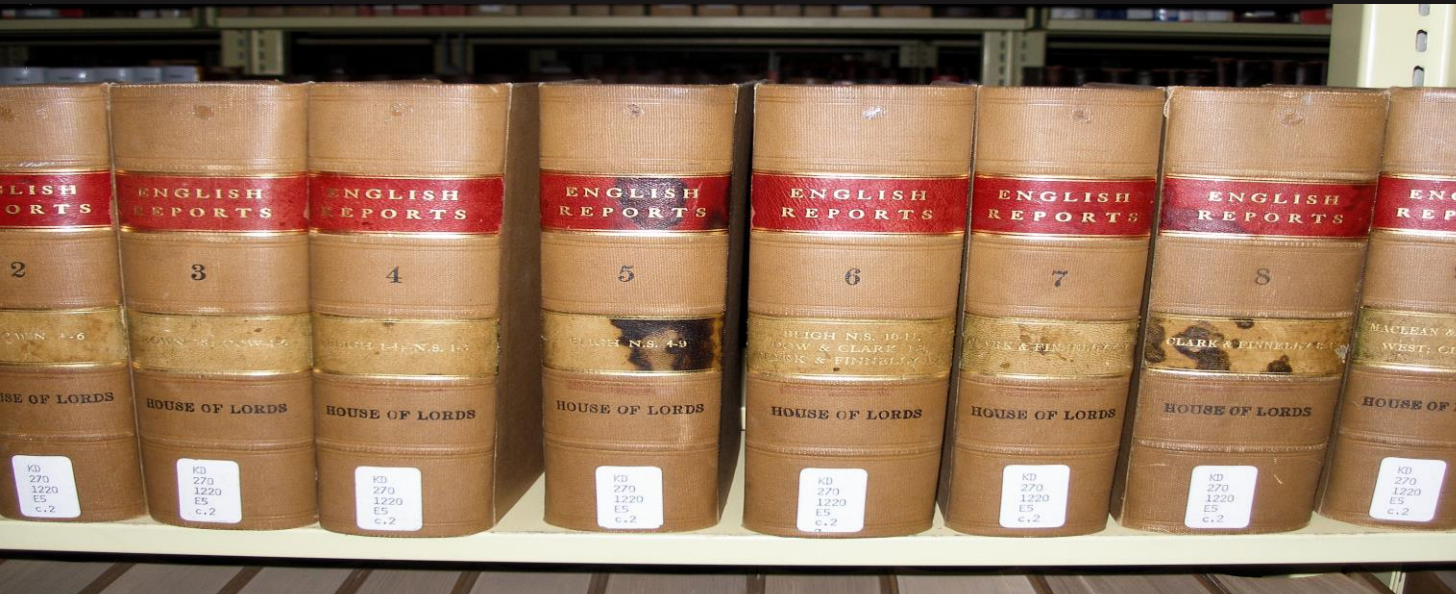
The Norman Conquest Brings Changes

- William of Normandy conquers England, begins centralizing government
 - sets off decline of feudalism, development of democracy

Juries and Common Law

- Henry II replaces trial by combat, ordeal with jury trials
 - royal judge presides, hears 12 men's testimony about case
- **Common law** reflects customs, principles established over time
 - became basis of legal system in United States

1066



Godwinson, chosen King of England

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The Magna Carta

- **Magna Carta**—nobles force king to guarantee political, legal rights
 - king must govern according to law, get taxes approved
 - **due process of law**—right to have law work in known, orderly ways
- **Parliament**, England's legislature, becomes public voice

Model Parliament

- Edward I calls knights, burgesses, nobles to "Model Parliament"
- Knights, burgesses in House of Commons by mid-1300s; nobles in Lords




Parliament Grows Stronger

Conflict With the Monarch

- Commons gains power; Parliament votes on taxes, laws, advises king
- **Divine right**—claim that king's power comes from God, is absolute
- James I claims divine right, clashes with Parliament *[Visual]*
 - Puritans battle James over Anglican Church doctrines, ceremonies
 - James uses Star Chamber, ignores parliamentary courts, common law
 - Parliament refuses additional funds for debt, court, war expenses



 Portrait of King James I of England.

Parliament Grows Stronger

Parliament Overthrows the King

- Parliament gives Charles I funds, gets Petition of Right, which ends
 - taxing without Parliament's consent
 - imprisoning citizens illegally; housing troops in homes
 - maintaining military government in peacetime
- 1642 English Civil War breaks out
- Antiroyalists under Puritan Oliver Cromwell win; Charles executed



Establishment of Constitutional Monarchy

The Restoration

- Cromwell's Commonwealth unsuccessful; establishes Protectorate
- 1660 Parliament restores monarchy, invites Charles II to take throne
- Parliament retains powers, expands rights, such as habeas corpus

Glorious Revolution

- Protestants afraid James II wants Catholicism as official religion
- **Glorious Revolution**—Parliament offers throne to William, Mary
 - creates **constitutional monarchy**—king's powers limited by laws



King Charles II



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English Bill of Rights

- **Bill of rights** is formal summary of people's rights, liberties
- 1689, William, Mary accept bill of rights from Parliament
 - king can't suspend laws, raise peacetime army without Parliament
 - people are free from excessive bail, cruel and unusual punishment
 - Parliament must be called frequently



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England's Legacy

- Glorious Revolution, bill of rights set example for American colonies

ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS

1689

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