

# The Pearl-Poet

## Time Line of Historical Events

- 1337 Edward III claims the crown of France. Beginning of the Hundred Years' War  
c. 1340 Geoffrey Chaucer born  
1342 Pope Benedict XII dies. (Pope from 1334 to 1342.) The main concern of his time in office was to stop the Hundred Years War that had started during his reign.  
Pope Clement VI ascends. Far from returning to Rome, Clement dug the papacy in deeper at Avignon by purchasing the territory from Joanna, queen of Naples and countess of Provence. Clement tried to stop war between France and England. He succeeded only in arranging a truce. His partiality for France (he lent large sums to Philip) led to the Statute of Provisors which limited papal financial exactions in England.
- 1348 Edward III founds Order of the Garter  
1352 Pope Innocent VI ascends  
1355 Scots defeat English at Nesbit  
1361 Black Death reappears in England  
1362 "Piers Plowman" written  
1362 Pope Urban V. "He was a severe disciplinarian, discountenanced the pomp and luxury of the cardinals, introduced considerable reforms in the administration of justice, and liberally patronised learning." Tried to move the papacy back to Italy  
1366 English Parliament refuses to pay feudal dues to pope.  
1370 Pope Gregory XI  
1371 David II dies. Robert II becomes King of Scotland (Stewart)  
1376 Edward the Black Prince dies  
1377 Edward III dies. Richard II succeeds.  
1377 Pope Gregory XI returns to Rome. End of "Babylonian Captivity"  
1378 Pope Gregory dies. Two popes are elected Urban VI at Rome and Clement VII at Avignon. Great Schism begins.
- 1381 Peasant's Revolt  
1381 Chaucer writes house of fame  
1382 Wyclif expelled from Oxford  
1389 Pope Boniface IX elected in Rome  
1389 Truce between England Scotland and France  
1390 Robert III, King of Scotland  
1392 Foreigners in Britain forbidden to sell goods  
1395 Irish Rulers do homage to Richard II  
1396 Richard II marries Isabella of France at Calais  
1397 Duke of Gloster murdered  
1399 Richard II deposed. Henry of Lancaster, son of John of Gaunt becomes Henry IV  
1400 Richard II murdered