

## Course details

### Course title

History: The 12th Century Civil War for the Crown of England

### Course code

Q00017706

### Course date

Start: 08/10/24

End: 19/11/24

### Number of classes

7 sessions

### Timetable

Tue 8th Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 15th Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 22nd Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 29th Oct, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 5th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 12th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

Tue 19th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

### Branch

Billericay Branch

### Tutor

Michael Long

## **Fee range**

Free to £51.80

## **How you'll learn**

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

## **Venue**

Online

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

This course looks at the troubled years after 1140, when England was ravaged by civil war and had two rival monarchs: the Empress Matilda, the daughter of King Henry I and her cousin, King Stephen. The Empress spent 17 years trying to secure her birthright. These years were called 'The Anarchy' by historians because of the destruction wreaked by both sides on villages and towns across southern England and the breakdown of law and order. The course explores the reasons why William Adelin's sister, the Empress Matilda never achieved the Crown.

## **Course description**

"And people said that Christ and his saints slept." This course looks at the troubled years after 1140, when England was ravaged by civil war and had two rival monarchs: the Empress Matilda, the legitimate claimant, the daughter of King Henry I and her cousin, King Stephen, who usurped her throne. The Empress spent 17 years trying to secure her birthright. These years were called 'The Anarchy' by historians

because of the destruction wreaked by both sides on villages and towns across southern England and the breakdown of law and order. Its origins lie twenty years before in the icy waters off the port of Barfleur in northern France and the White Ship disaster that killed King Henry's heir, William Adelin. The course explores the reasons why William Adelin's sister, the Empress Matilda never achieved the Crown, but her son, Henry FitzEmpress, did as well as considering the contemporary Chronicles, the significant sources of information available to the historian.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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