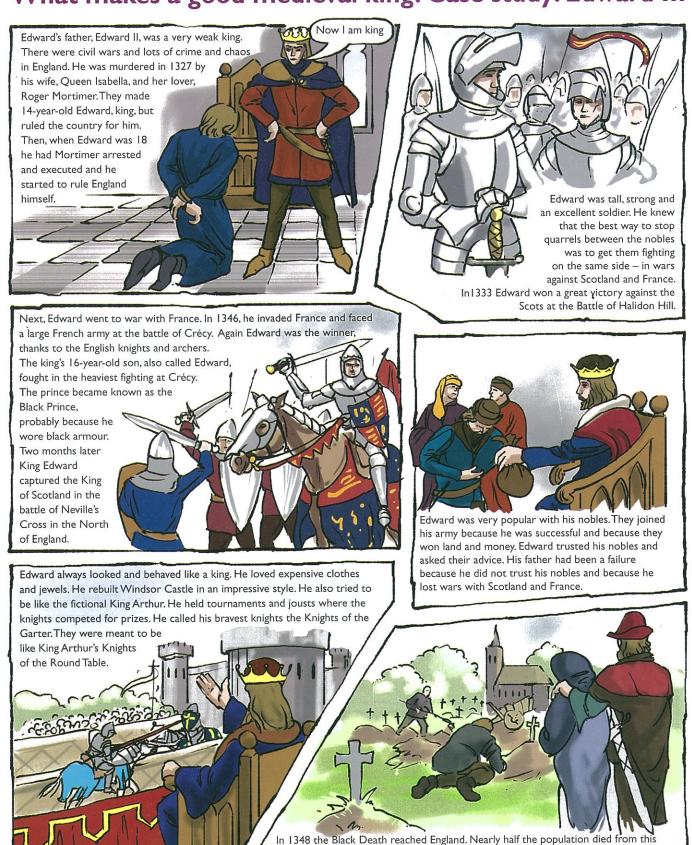
What makes a good medieval king? Case study: Edward III



terrible disease. When it ended, ordinary people thought they could get higher wages because there weren't enough workers, but Edward made a law saying that everyone had to work for the same wages as before the Black Death. This was hard on ordinary people but

good for the nobles and other landowners who didn't have to pay out more wages.



Activity

As you discovered on pages 50–51, Edward III is seen as a very successful king. Some historians say he was the greatest king in the Middle Ages. Why was Edward III such a good king? And just how successful was he?

- I Read the story of Edward III on pages 52–53. Make a list of the reasons why he was a good king.
- Which of these reasons do you think was the most important in helping him be an effective ruler? Why?