

Bosworth 1485: The Battle that Ended the Medieval Age



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Bosworth 1485 is the definitive account of the battle that ended the medieval age. Mike Ingram's vivid narrative brings to life the sights, sounds, and smells of this pivotal battle, which saw the defeat of King Richard III and the rise of the Tudor dynasty.

Ingram draws on a wealth of primary sources to paint a vivid picture of the battle, from the mustering of the armies to the final charge. He also provides a clear and concise analysis of the battle's significance, arguing that it marked the end of the medieval age and the beginning of a new era.

The Armies

The two armies that met at Bosworth were very different in size and composition. Richard's army was larger, with about 10,000 men, but it was largely made up of infantry. Henry's army was smaller, with about 5,000 men, but it was better equipped and had a higher proportion of cavalry.

Richard's infantry was mainly composed of billmen, who were armed with long, sharp blades attached to wooden poles. They were also supported by a small number of archers and crossbowmen.

Henry's army was more varied. He had a core of about 2,000 men-at-arms, who were heavily armored and mounted on horses. He also had a large number of archers and crossbowmen, as well as a contingent of German mercenaries.

The Battle

The battle began with an exchange of arrows and crossbow bolts.

Richard's infantry then advanced on Henry's lines, but they were met with a fierce counter-attack by Henry's cavalry. The cavalry charge broke the infantry's lines, and the battle soon turned into a rout.

Richard was killed in the battle, and his death marked the end of the medieval age. The Tudor dynasty, which was founded by Henry, would go on to rule England for over a century.

The Significance of the Battle

The Battle of Bosworth was a turning point in English history. It marked the end of the medieval age and the beginning of a new era. The Tudor dynasty that followed would bring about a period of peace and prosperity for England.

The battle is also significant for its military innovations. Henry's use of cavalry to break the infantry lines was a new tactic that would be used in many future battles. The battle also saw the widespread use of artillery, which would become a major factor in warfare in the centuries to come.

Bosworth 1485 is a fascinating and important battle that changed the course of English history. Mike Ingram's book is a definitive account of the battle, and it is essential reading for anyone interested in English history or military history.

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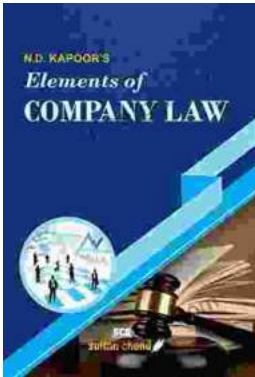
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