THE STORY OF THE PEASANTS' REVOLT

1 Most of the people in the Middle Ages were **peasants.** They did not like working hard for small amounts of money for somebody else – doing jobs like ploughing and harvesting.	**2** After the **Black Death** in 1348 things got better. Most people had died so they had to pay the people who were left more money.	**3** The people they worked for wanted to pay the **peasants** the same as they had before the **Black Death. AND** make them pay lots of **taxes.** The people were not happy!
6 In 1481 a large group of **peasants** went to London to talk to the **King.**	**5** The **peasants** did not like being **slaves** and decided to go and talk to the **King** to ask him to make things fairer.	**4** The **peasants** were fed up with working hard for hardly any money, to give the rich people lovely things like wine and white bread while they only had black bread and water.

5 The **King** did not want to look silly by letting the **peasants** have what they wanted.	**6** The leader of the **peasants** went to talk to the **King**. The **King** killed him.	**7** ALL of the leaders of the **Peasants Revolt** were hung, drawn and quartered.
10 **So** now the **peasants** were no longer slaves.	**9** The rich people were now worried about being mean to the **peasants** in case they tried to hurt them.	**8** The **peasants** went back to being **slaves**.