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# **St Albans and the people of 1381**

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**St Albans and the people of 1381: Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe?**

The following outlines a possible sequence of lessons focused on St Albans and the people of 1381: *Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe?*

The resources provided in purple are connected here to specific questions. The narrative of the wider Revolt in 1381 can be found in the ‘Support for teacher knowledge updating’ section of the website.

**Lesson 1:**

1. **Introduction: Blue plaque for John Ball but not for William Grindecobbe – why?**
2. **What happened during the *Great Rising* of 1381? [Maps]**
3. **What happened in St Albans in 1381? [Events cards and Maps]**

**Lesson 2:**

1. **What caused the 1381 Revolt in St Albans? [Cause cards and Maps]**

**Lesson 3:**

1. **Who and how were the St Albans people involved in the 1381 Revolt? [Top trumps and Maps]**
2. **What was William Grindecobbe’s involvement in the 1381 Revolt? [Event cards, Top trumps and Maps]**

**Lesson 4:**

1. **Was the 1381 Revolt a failure in St Albans? [Consequence cards and Maps]**

**Lesson 5:**

1. **Why do historians disagree about William Grindecobbe, St Albans and the 1381 Revolt [Interpretations]**

**Lesson 6:**

1. **Why is there no blue plaque to William Grindecobbe? [Grindecobbe speech – see Interpretations]**
2. **What does the 1381 Revolt tell us about the people of St Albans in the fourteenth century?**