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## **Letter Responding to King Richard's Decision**

Predict the impact of King Richard's decision regarding the role of the church and the future of political power and economic power? Will these changes be good for England or not? Why do you feel this way? This is your chance to express your opinion by **stepping out of your assigned role** and considering all the points made in the hearing.

The following outline is designed to help you organize your thoughts prior to writing your letter but in it you must:

- Support or criticize each of the three decisions.
- Give at least two reasons, supported with at least two facts or pieces of evidence.
- Predict how you feel his three actions will impact the future of England.

Dear King Richard II, Your majesty, King of England,

Having read your decision, I feel it will be \_\_\_\_\_

I support/criticize your decision regarding the role of the church because:

1. Reason #1:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

2. Reason #2:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

I support/criticize your decision regarding political power because:

1. Reason #1:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

2. Reason #2:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

I support/criticize your decision regarding economic arrangements because:

1. Reason #1:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

2. Reason #2:

- evidence/fact #1

- evidence/fact #2

I predict your decisions in these three areas will make England better/worse because:

1.

2.

3.

## Rubric for Letter to King Richard

Criteria	Exemplary = 5	Competent = 3	Limited = 1	Score
Religion Reasons	Clear position, logical argument, historically possible	Position is mostly clear and logical, but has some inconsistencies	Position is unclear, implausible, or inconsistent.	
Religion Evidence	Has more than minimum # of facts and facts fit well with reasons	Has minimum # of facts and they fit well with reasons	Does not have minimum # of facts and seem chosen at random	
Economic Reasons	Clear position, logical argument, historically possible	Position is mostly clear and logical, but has some inconsistencies	Position is unclear, implausible, or inconsistent.	
Economic Evidence	Has more than minimum # of facts and facts fit well with reasons	Has minimum # of facts and they fit well with reasons	Does not have minimum # of facts and seem chosen at random	
Political Reasons	Clear position, logical argument, historically possible	Position is mostly clear and logical, but has some inconsistencies	Position is unclear, implausible, or inconsistent.	
Political Evidence	Has more than minimum # of facts and facts fit well with reasons	Has minimum # of facts and they fit well with reasons	Does not have minimum # of facts and seem chosen at random	
Predictions for England	Predictions are specific and plausible based on other three points	Predictions are solid, but not completely consistent with 3 points	Predictions are vague implausible. Reader is left guessing or confused.	
Clear and Persuasive	Letter makes persuades the reader to take their side	Letter is somewhat convincing but leaves reader hanging	Letter is unconvincing.	
Grammar, mechanics	Spelling, punctuation, and conventions are accurate.	A few minor mistakes in spelling or conventions.	Spelling and convention mistakes are distracting.	
Organization	Letter follows the assigned organization and goes beyond minimum expectations.	Letter follows directions but merely meets requirements.	Letter does not follow directions for organizations and does not meet minimum standards.	

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Total Score \_\_\_\_\_/50 \_\_\_\_\_