

Describe a battle between England and another country (Agincourt)

(20 marks)

SYK paragraph

The battle which I have chosen to describe is the Battle of Agincourt. This battle took place on the 25th October 1415. It was fought as part of the Hundred Years War (French Wars) between England and France.

SWYG

In 1413 Henry V claimed the French throne. In 1415 he invaded in Normandy with 10,000 men. After a longer that anticipated siege, he captured Harfleur in September 1415. Unable to continue with his original plan he decided to march to Calais and then sail back to England. The French had no intention of letting Henry off the hook and stopped his march at Agincourt.

Paragraph 1

Early on the morning of Oct 25th 6000 Eng (1,000 men -at-arms & 5,000 longbows) faced 30,000 French under the Command of the Duke of Alencon. After a long delay Henry ordered his army to advance to the narrowest part of field. His longbows opened fire. In response to this the first line of French knights on sides charged too soon, pushing their crossbowmen out of the battle. The French knights charged head onto the narrowly field and were killed.

Paragraph 2

The first line of French men at arms (8,000 on foot) advanced but was slowed by horses, mud, narrowness, stakes and longbows fire from sides as well as front. A second line of French men at arms (14,000) faced similar difficulties and was unable to advance. Over 80,000 arrows were shot. Many French were taken prisoner. At this point the English baggage train attacked. Henry fearing the worst ordered all prisoners to be killed with many dying before Henry realised he was safe.

Paragraph 3

After 3 hrs the battle ended. 10,000 French lay dead or dying. 50% of the French nobility had been killed. 1,500 prisoners had been taken. English casualties were low, just a few hundred

Conclusion/summary

Henry and his victorious army were able to sail home. The French army and government made very weak by the defeat. By 1420, most of North France had been taken by England. In 1420 Treaty of Troyes was signed which made Henry Regent, he married Princess Katherine, but most importantly Henry was named as heir to the French throne when Charles VI died. Sadly in 1422, Henry V died of dysentery just before Charles. The treaty of Troyes fell apart and the final chapter of the war began