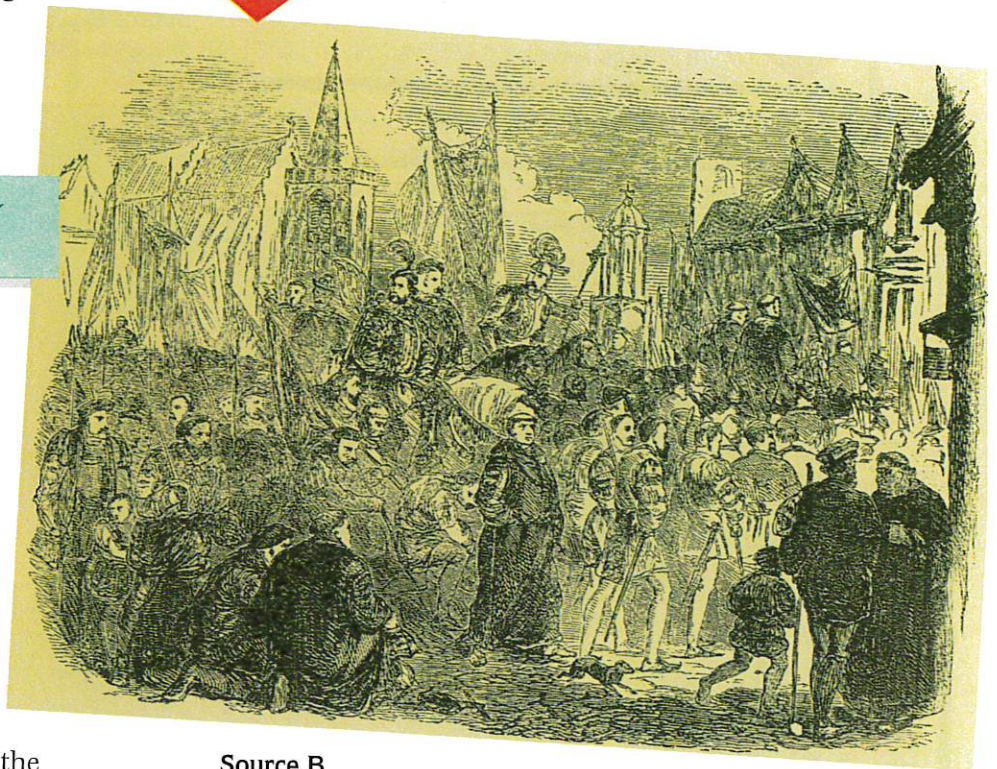




The Pilgrimage of Grace

Source A The Pilgrimage of Grace



Why did some people join the Pilgrimage of Grace?

In 1536–7 there was a great northern uprising. The rebels were against the changes brought about by the king and his advisers, especially Thomas Cromwell. The uprising became known as the Pilgrimage of Grace. It began in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire and was led by Robert Aske. There were a number of reasons for the Pilgrimage of Grace. One of the most important reasons was dislike of the religious changes of the 1530s, particularly the dissolution of the monasteries. The results of the enclosure of farm land (page 91) were also reasons for the uprising. At one point, the rebels were in control of York, the most important city in northern England. A **truce** was called. The rebels thought they had got what they wanted and they promised to be loyal to the king. However, their demands were not met, and a further revolt took place in 1537. The uprising was eventually defeated and over 200 of the rebels were executed.

Source B

Reasons for joining the Pilgrimage of Grace

- 1 To give back some powers to the Pope in Rome
- 2 To give the monasteries which had been closed back to the monks
- 3 To punish Thomas Cromwell, and members of the King's Council
- 4 To stop the enclosure of farmland
- 5 To be free of the new taxes passed by Parliament
- 6 To have a Parliament in the north of England to talk about people's grievances
- 7 Food shortages, bad weather and poor harvests
- 8 To make Princess Mary legitimate and heir to the throne
- 9 To make sure the Catholic Church survived in England

Key words

Truce An agreement for ending, usually for a short period of time, armed hostilities.

Investigations

- 1 Explain what you can see in Source A. Does it show:
 - a) pilgrims on their way to a holy place
 - b) rebels protesting against the changes made by the king and his advisers
 - c) courtiers leading a procession in praise of the king?
- 2 People joined the Pilgrimage of Grace for many reasons. These included religious, political and economic reasons. Look at the reasons in the box above. Then make a copy of the table on the right and place the correct numbers in the spaces.

Religious reasons for joining the Pilgrimage	Political reasons for joining the Pilgrimage	Economic reasons for joining the Pilgrimage
Numbers	Numbers	Numbers

List your reasons in order of importance.