

Study Guide for *Becket* Film

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1. Describe the early relationship between Thomas Becket and Henry II.
2. What utensil was discussed as being newly introduced to England?
3. In the first council scene, what major issue did Henry II and the Bishop of Lond argue so about? In other words, what did Henry want from the church?
4. To what government office did Henry appoint Becket first?
5. Why did Gwendolyn kill herself?
6. What is Henry's true purpose in naming Thomas Becket Archbishop of Canterbury?
7. What action, which disturbs the Bishop, does Becket perform the day before he becomes the Archbishop?
8. According to Becket, what was wrong with Lord Gilbert's men arresting and punishing the parish priest who raped the girl?
9. What punishment did Becket recommend for Lord Gilbert?
10. How did King Henry set Becket up for a fall?
11. Of what crime was Becket accused? Is Becket guilty of this crime? Why does Henry charge him with it? Why doesn't Henry want Becket to go France?
12. What does Becket ask of the Pope?
13. What does Becket decide while he is serving his monastic retreat in France?
14. Why does King Henry II want to crown his successor, Henry III, in York instead of Canterbury?
15. Where did Henry and Becket meet for the last time?
16. What innocent remark did Henry say that prompted the knights to go to Canterbury?
17. What happened to Brother John?
18. What forms of penance did Henry serve for being responsible for Becket's death?
19. What effect did Thomas Becket's murder have on the Church and the State?
20. Why do people travel to Canterbury to the site where Thomas was murdered?