*Henry VII’s Religious and Political Turmoil*

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### I. Introduction

* Hook: A compelling statement about the turbulent times during Henry VII's reign.
* Context: Brief overview of the political and religious landscape of England during Henry VII's reign.
* Thesis: Despite the significant religious turmoil marked by the split from the Catholic Church, Henry VII's reign was primarily characterized by political turmoil, including challenges to his legitimacy, rebellions, and efforts to consolidate power.

### II. Religious Turmoil: The Split from the Catholic Church

1. Overview: Brief description of the religious changes during Henry VII's reign.
2. Argument: The split from the Catholic Church was a significant aspect of the religious turmoil.
3. Evidence: Specific events or policies that illustrate the split. (Ctlr + Alt + F: Footnotes!
4. Interpretation of Evidence: Analysis of how these events contributed to religious turmoil.
5. Historical Context/Intellectual Culture: The broader context of religious changes in Europe and their impact on England.

### III. Political Turmoil 1: Challenges to Legitimacy

1. Overview: Henry VII faced numerous challenges to his legitimacy as king.
2. Argument: These challenges were a major source of political turmoil.
3. Evidence: Examples of specific challenges, such as pretenders to the throne.
4. Interpretation of Evidence: Analysis of how these challenges affected Henry's rule.
5. Historical Context/Intellectual Culture: The context of dynastic struggles and the importance of legitimacy in medieval politics.

### IV. Political Turmoil 2: Rebellions

1. Overview: Various rebellions occurred during Henry VII's reign.
2. Argument: These rebellions were a significant aspect of the political turmoil.
3. Evidence: Specific rebellions, such as the Lambert Simnel and Perkin Warbeck uprisings.
4. Interpretation of Evidence: Analysis of the causes and consequences of these rebellions.
5. Historical Context/Intellectual Culture: The broader context of social and economic unrest in England.

### V. Political Turmoil 3: Consolidation of Power

1. Overview: Henry VII's efforts to consolidate power and establish control.
2. Argument: These efforts were crucial in addressing the political turmoil.
3. Evidence: Policies and actions taken by Henry to strengthen his rule.
4. Interpretation of Evidence: Analysis of the effectiveness of these measures.
5. Historical Context/Intellectual Culture: The importance of strong centralized authority in medieval governance.

### VI. Conclusion

* Summary: Recap the main points discussed in the paper.
* Restate Thesis: Despite the significant religious turmoil, Henry VII's reign was primarily characterized by political turmoil, including challenges to his legitimacy, rebellions, and efforts to consolidate power.

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