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Paper 2 Section A/B:

Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day

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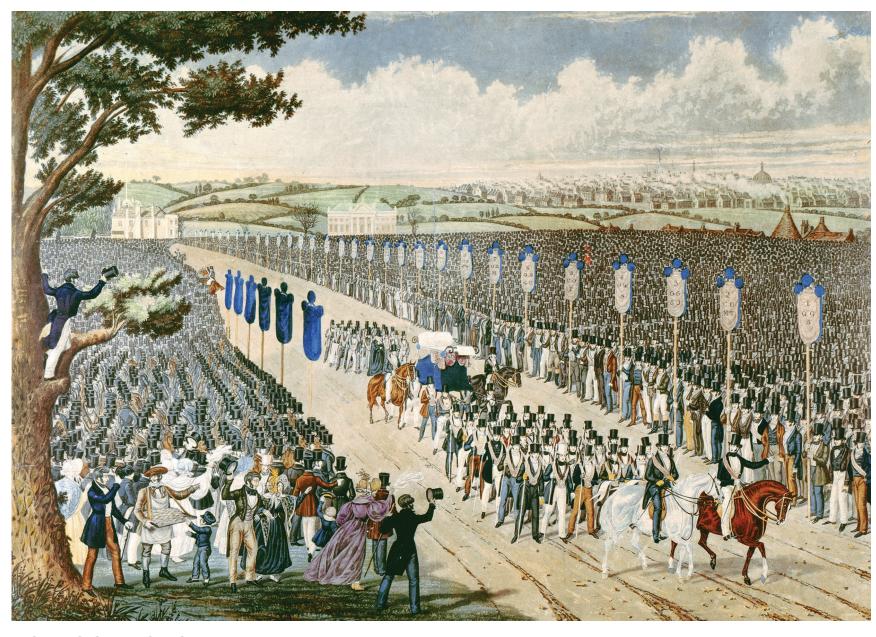
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A painting showing a meeting in support of the Tolpuddle Martyrs in London on 21 April 1834. The crowd then marched to Parliament to present a petition for the Martyrs' release.

This painting was presented to Thomas Wakley, MP, who was a leading campaigner on behalf of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Wakley was influenced by radical reformers. He also supported the repeal of the Corn Laws and the abolition of slavery.

The painting shows a large open space where thousands of people are standing, waving their arms either side of a road. A group of about forty people, some in top hats and carrying long sticks, march down the road. They are led by two men on horseback. In the background, there is a mansion and a town.

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