

THE WARS OF THE ROSES



Questions to consider:

- 👑 Where does a king's power come from?
- 👑 What is the role of the nobility, the council, the subjects?
- 👑 What has created the new thinking about monarchy?



Richard II



Henry IV



Henry V



Henry VI



Edward IV

KEY EVENTS IN THE "WARS OF THE ROSES"

1377: Edward III dies and Richard II becomes king

1399: Richard II deposed and Henry Bolingbroke becomes Henry IV

1422: Henry V dies and infant son becomes Henry VI (and heir to French throne)

1445: Henry VI marries Marguerite of Anjou, signaling peace with France

1450: Richard Duke of York returns from Ireland and seeks role in government

1453: Henry VI suddenly incapacitated by illness and unable to rule

1454: Richard Duke of York named Protector until Henry VI recovers

1455: 1st Battle St. Albans: York/Neville victorious, Somerset/Percy killed, Henry VI captured and taken to London, York named as Protector

1460: Richard Duke of York killed at Battle of Wakefield

1461: Battle of Towton; Edward Duke of York becomes Edward IV

1464: Edward IV marries Elizabeth of Woodville, many resist including Warwick

1470: Warwick leads defeat of Edward IV and restores Henry VI to throne

1471: Edward IV retakes throne; Henry VI, Prince Edward (heir), Warwick killed

1483: Edward IV dies, Edward V proclaimed king and disappears, Richard III crowned

1485: Henry Tudor defeats Richard III at Battle of Bosworth and becomes Henry VII

1487: Lambert Simnel rebellion; Henry VII prevails at Battle of Stoke Field

1490-99: Perkin Warbeck rebellion; Warbeck and Warwick executed in 1499

1509: Henry VII dies and Henry VIII peacefully takes throne and is crowned king