

# WOMEN OF THE WARS OF THE ROSES

Questions to consider:

- 👑 What is power?
- 👑 Who exercises power?
- 👑 What are different ways power is exercised?



Catherine of Valois



Cecily Neville



Jacquetta of Luxembourg



Marguerite of Anjou



Margaret of York



Elizabeth Woodville



Margaret Beaufort



Anne Neville



Elizabeth of York

## **KEY EVENTS**

**1450: First Battle of St Alban's**  
Marguerite of Anjou supports Henry VI  
Cecily Neville supports Richard Duke of York

**1460: Battle of Wakefield**  
Richard killed, Cecily becomes widow, Edward takes up fight  
Marguerite celebrates victory

**1461: Battle of Towton**  
Marguerite seen as leading force for Henry VI  
Cecily supports Edward and Yorkists  
Jacquetta and family support Lancastrians (until after the battle)  
Yorkists prevail and Cecily becomes most important woman at court

**1464: With Jacquetta as witness, Elizabeth Woodville marries Edward IV**  
Cecily resents losing influence, Elizabeth Woodville and family gain influence

**1470-71: Rebellions against Edward IV result in Battle of Barnet**  
Marguerite accepts help of Warwick and Clarence to overturn Edward IV's reign  
Margaret of York and Cecily of York work to reunite Edward and George  
Elizabeth Woodville and children in sanctuary while Marguerite restored as Queen  
Margaret Beaufort takes son Henry Tudor to court to meet Henry VI  
After Battle of Tewkesbury, Marguerite's forces defeated and she is taken into custody; her husband and son are killed  
Elizabeth Woodville is restored as Queen, she and new son leave sanctuary  
A year later, Anne Neville marries Richard Duke of Gloucester

**1483: Edward IV dies**  
Elizabeth Woodville's marriage declared void, Elizabeth of York now illegitimate; they retreat into sanctuary  
Anne Neville crowned Queen alongside Richard III; Margaret of York carries train  
Over next months, Elizabeth Woodville and Margaret Beaufort potentially collaborate  
Anne Neville dies

**1485: Battle of Bosworth**  
Margaret Beaufort sees son crowned Henry VII  
Elizabeth of York becomes Queen of England  
Margaret of York/Burgundy supports rebellions against Henry VII  
Margaret Beaufort dies in 1509 shortly after Henry VIII is crowned King of England