



Notes Shakespeare's Richard III

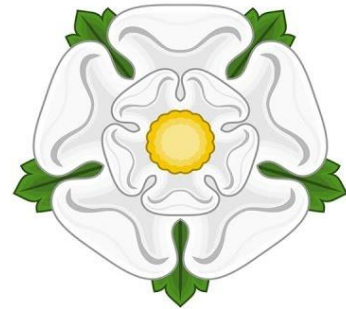
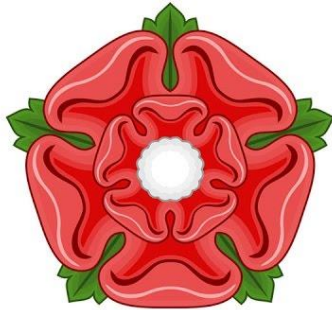
Shakespeare's English History Plays:

- King John
- Richard II
- Henry IV, part 1
- Henry IV, part 2
- Henry V
- Henry VI, part 1
- Henry VI, part 2
- Henry VI, part 3
- **Richard III**
- Henry VIII

Richard III is last of the tetralogy (*King Henry VI, Part I*; *King Henry VI, Part II*; *King Henry VI, Part III*) dealing with the Civil War between the House of Lancaster and the House of York, before the ascension of the Tudor Dynasty to the English throne.

The War of The Roses

1455-1485



Historical Background

- **First Battle of St. Albans (1455)**
- **Battle of Northampton (1460)**
- **Battle of Wakefield (1460)**
- **Battle of Barnet (1471)**
- **Battle of Tewkesbury (1471)**
- **Battle of Bosworth Field (1485)**. The last battle ended both the Plantagenet dynasty and the War of the Roses, and heralded the Tudor dynasty represented by King Henry VII

The War of the Roses

The Lancasters (The Red Rose)

The Yorks (The White Rose)

King Henry VI & Queen Margaret

Richard, Duke of York & the Earl of Warwick

Next Generation

Edward, Prince of Wales (dead)

Edward IV, the King
George, the Duke of Clarence
Richard, the Duke of Gloucester
Rutland (dead, killed by Lancasters)

Current King: Edward + Queen Elizabeth (NOT King Henry VIII's daughter)
Married twice

= Young Elizabeth, Edward Age 12-13 and the heir to the throne, Richard Age 7-8