



# Preparing for A-Level

England before the Tudors

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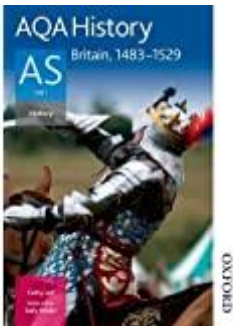
*Based on Oxford AQA History AS Britain 1483-1529 by Cathy Lee*

# What is the purpose of this booklet?

The step up to A-Level can be daunting, especially for a topic area you may not have covered in great depth since Key Stage 3. This booklet and tasks is designed to help you establish an understanding of life in the immediate years before 1485 and the start of the Tudors. This is not part of the A-Level exam however it will provide you a valuable insight that will ensure you start Year 12 on a positive footing. Henry VII was never supposed to be King of England and he spent all of his reign securing the Tudor dynasty, he learnt from the mistakes of Richard III and tried to rebuild England from the ashes of the War of the Roses.

## What do I need to use this booklet?

This booklet has been designed around the first sections of the old AS course specification and uses the old textbook. As this is the old specification these are available on Amazon for around £3, however online research would also be appropriate if the book is not available.



**AQA History AS Britain, 1483-1529: Student's Book (Paperback)**  
*by Cathy Lee (Author), Sally Waller (Editor)*

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# Britain by 1483

What was the nature of monarchy?



What were the expectations of a monarch?

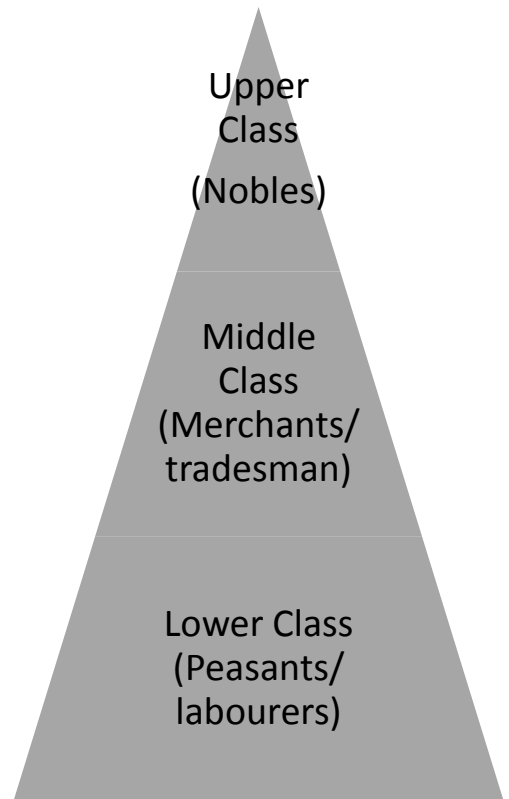
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What was the structure of medieval society?



What was 'The Great Chain of Being'?

How did life vary depending on class?



## How did the regions of England vary?

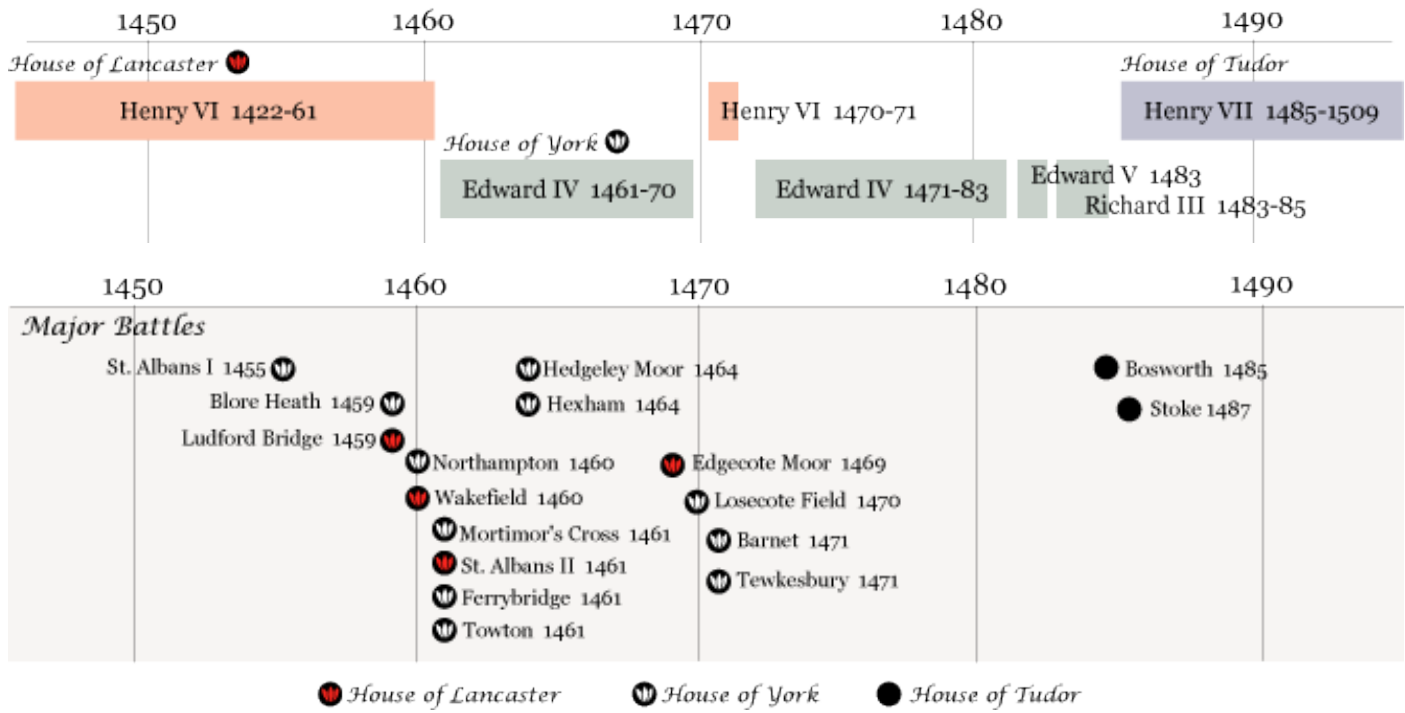


## Why was London the most important city in London?



Fig. 3 The ambitious and destitute flocked to London, hence the city's rapid expansion. This map dates to 1572, but the city was already growing by the end of the 15th century

# The War of Roses



What are the different views on the impact of the War of the Roses?

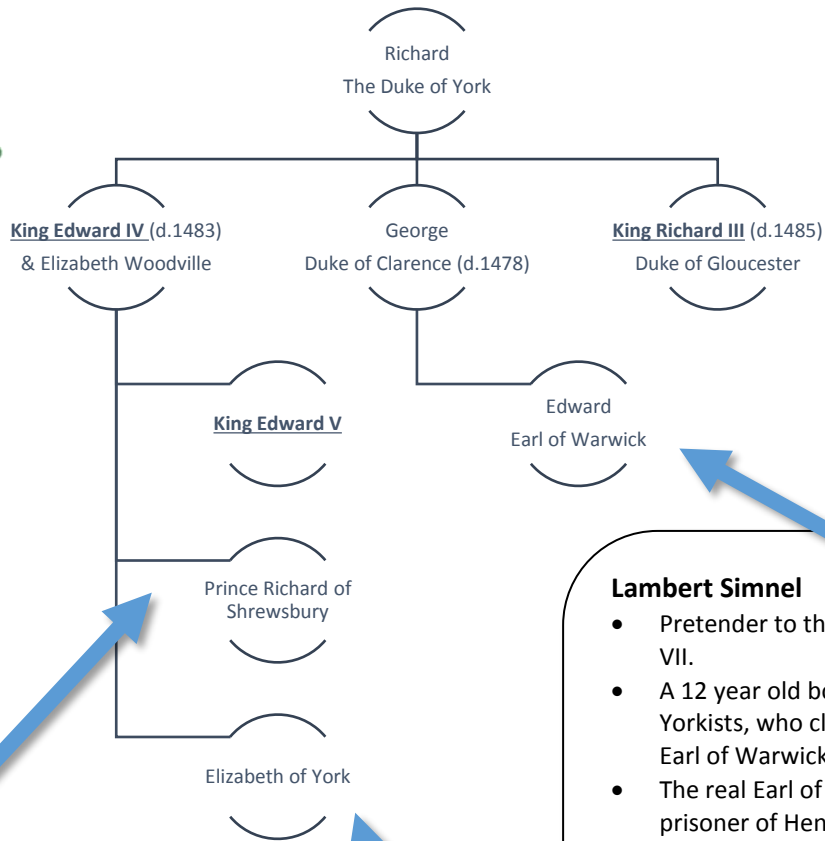


# The last of the Plantagenet's

## The Plantagenet Family Tree



White Rose  
The House of York



**Perkin Warbeck**

- Pretender to the throne, under Henry VII.
- A teenager, trained by Yorkists to impersonate Richard of Shrewsbury (one of the Princes in the Tower).
- Floated around the courts of Europe for 10 years before joining the failed Cornish Rebellion of 1497.
- He was executed along with the real Earl of Warwick (not Simnel).

**Lambert Simnel**

- Pretender to the throne, under Henry VII.
- A 12 year old boy, manipulated by Yorkists, who claimed to be Edward Earl of Warwick.
- The real Earl of Warwick was a prisoner of Henry VII and later executed following another failed rebellion.
- Launched an unsuccessful invasion of England in 1487 and was captured at the Battle of Stoke.
- Henry pardoned Simnel due to his young age.

**Married Henry Tudor after he had become king.**

- Henry had promised to do this before he invaded.
- United the Houses of York and Lancaster.
- Helped legitimised Henry as king due to Elizabeth's stronger claim to the throne.

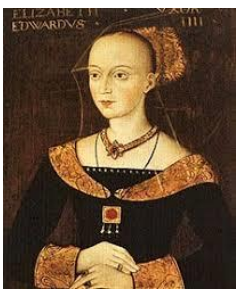


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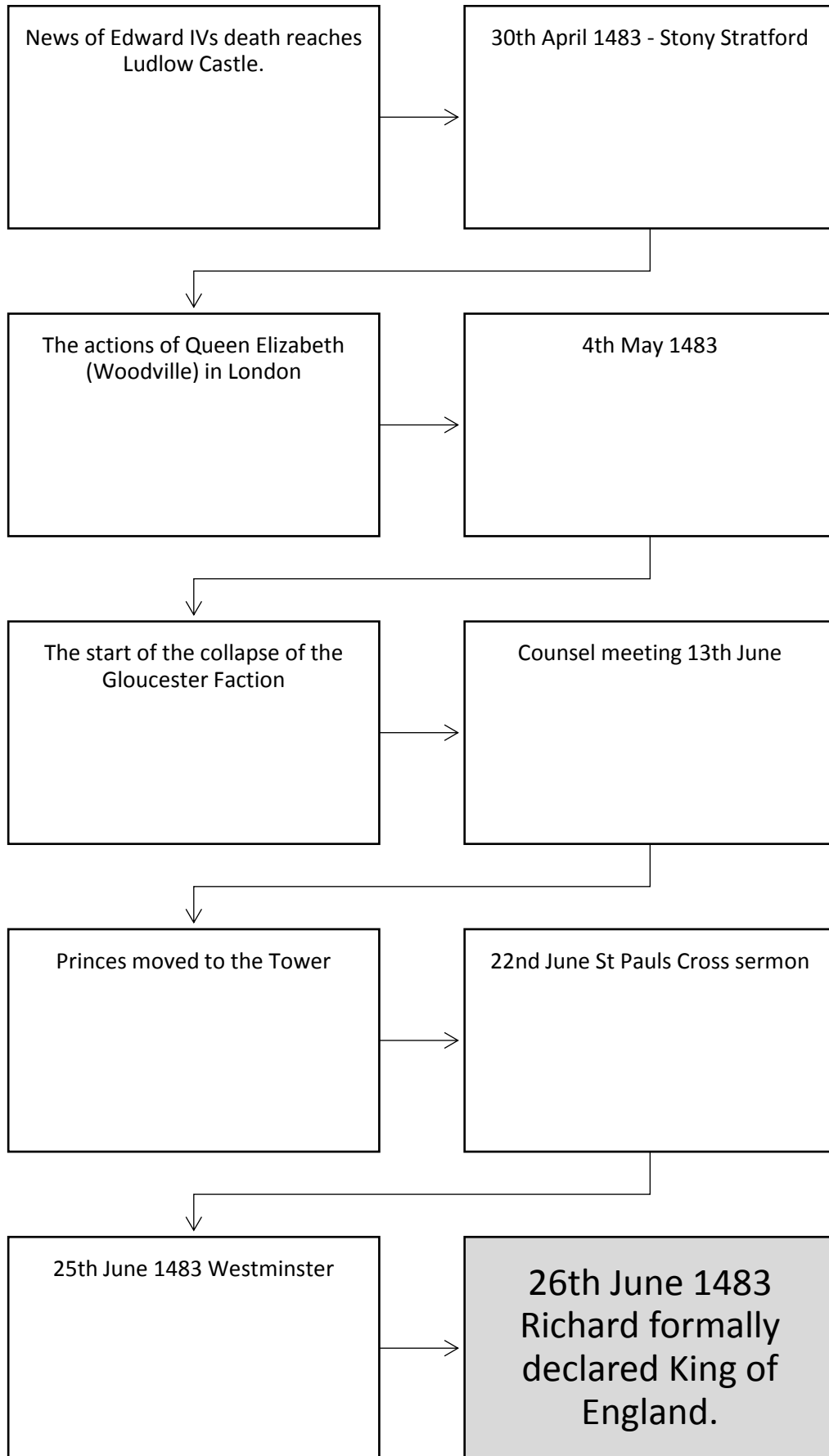


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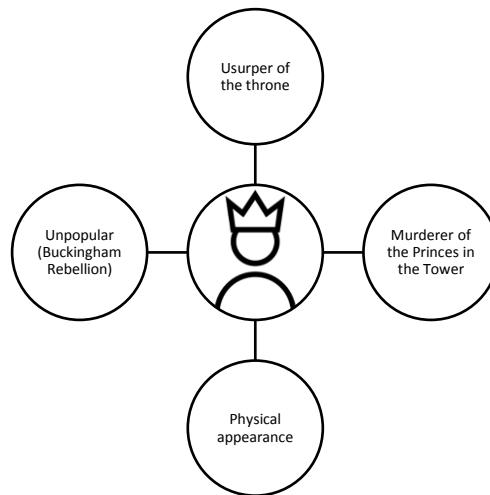


## How did Richard (Duke of Gloucester) become king?





## What is the popular reputation of Richard III?



# Still want to know more?



## **Winter King: The Dawn of Tudor England**

by Thomas Penn

## **The Tudor Years (2nd Edition)**

by John Lotherington



## **Richard I The King in the Car Park Full Documentary**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma1JUWqf274>

## **Henry VII: The Winter King**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBpSRQ6wVPU>



## **Future Learn: The Tudors**

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<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-tudors>