

# **THE WARS OF THE ROSES**

**LESSON 1**



What colour is  
war?

# WHAT WERE THE WARS OF THE ROSES?



The Wars of the Roses were a series of wars fought in England from 1455 to 1487. For thirty-two years a bitter struggle for the English throne was fought between two branches of the same family, both claiming that they were the rightful kings.

## Dominoes!!

Take your pack of dominoes, print them out and match them together into a timeline to help explain why the Wars of The Roses started. High light or write down any causes. How do they link? Judgement on the main causes?

**What is a civil war?**

Identify the key Kings of the Wars of the Roses from their portraits.

YOU WILL  
NEED TO  
LOOK THEM  
UP ON LINE



Henry V  
Edward  
IV  
Henry VI  
Henry VII  
Richard  
III  
Edward III  
Henry IV  
Richard II

**EDWARD III**



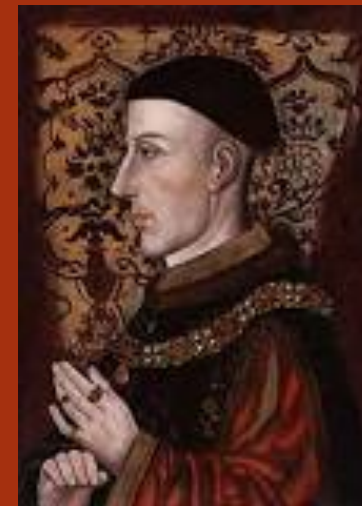
**RICHARD II**



**HENRY IV**



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WHAT  
WERE  
THE  
CAUSES  
OF THE  
WARS OF  
THE  
ROSES?

**PRINT OFF AND CUT UP THE  
CAUSES DOMINOES  
READ THE CAUSE DOMINO CARDS  
LINK THEM TOGETHER LIKE  
DOMINOES, WHICH CAUSES AFFECT  
/ LINK WITH ANOTHER ONE?  
PRIORITISE THE CAUSE CARDS AND  
STICK THEM DOWN IN YOUR ORDER  
JUDGEMENT – WHICH IS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT CAUSE OF THE WARS  
OF THE ROSES?**

# MEET THE PLANTAGENETS



The House of Lancaster were descended from Edward III through his second son John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster.

Their symbol was a red rose.

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The House of York were also descended from Edward III through his fourth son, Edmund of Langley, Duke of York and also through marriage.

Their symbol was a white rose



# War of the Roses



The House  
of  
Lancaster

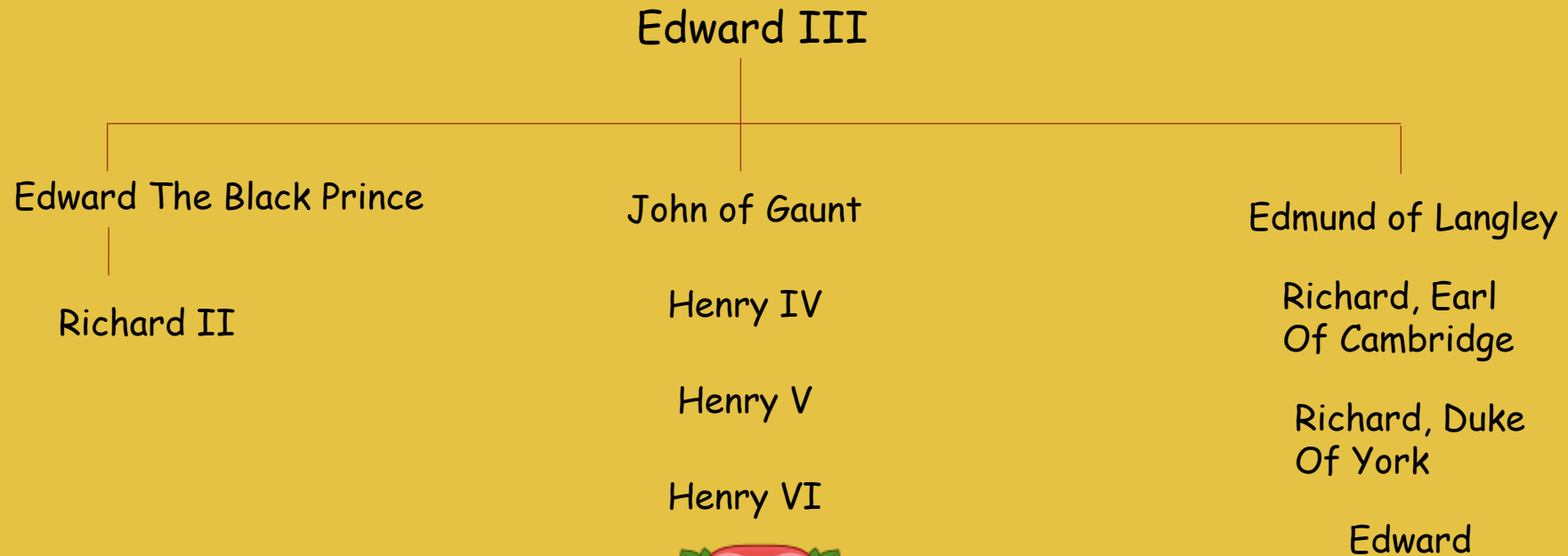
Who  
Will  
Win?



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# FAMILY TREE





**Richard II**  
( Boy King in Peasants  
Revolt)

Lost his throne to his  
Cousin Henry IV in  
September 1399

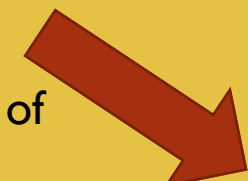


**Henry VI**

(Grandson of Henry IV)  
The mad King, (the mad  
King **Aerys Targaryen** in  
Game of thrones is based  
on him), his Kingdom was  
frequently ran by regents  
(people put in charge in  
Kings absence)  
Became King 1422



**Henry IV**  
Henry “Bolingbroke”  
(he was born there)  
First Lancaster King of  
England.



**Henry V**  
Won the Battle of  
Agincourt 1415 .and was  
declared the next King of  
France in 1420. He died  
suddenly in 1422, leaving  
France to his child Henry  
VI



**Edward IV**  
Became King in **1460**. Led  
an uprising against HenryVI  
and took the throne.  
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Look at the family tree  
as you are going  
through this to make  
sense of it



MORTAL KOMBAT

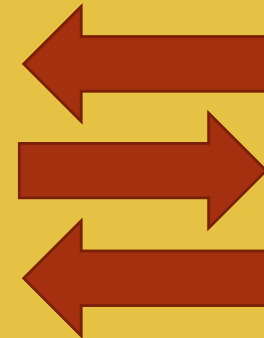


Henry VI



Edward IV

Edward took the throne from Henry VI in 1460  
Henry VI took the throne back from Edward IV in 1470  
Edward IV won the throne back in 1471



Edward IV dies in 1483 and is replaced by his son, Edward V.



Edward V

Edward is King at age 12,  
but was never crowned....



# Edward V

Edward V on travelling to be crowned King is met by his regent and uncle Richard.

His fathers marriage is declared invalid and Edward V and his brother Richard are declared illegitimate.....



# Richard III

Locked Edward V and his brother Richard in the tower of London. The two princes disappeared.....

Richard becomes King Richard III in 1483.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liXuCLm4tac&list=PLHUFVny67r3NISVQN55ltEGLka6D9m0GM>

Horrible histories 4 mins



# Henry VII

Last surviving Lancaster male.  
Held a very slight claim to the throne based  
around his mother.  
(She was a cousin of Henry VI)

Henry VIII got support from the York forces  
to raise an army and try to take the  
throne from Richard III.

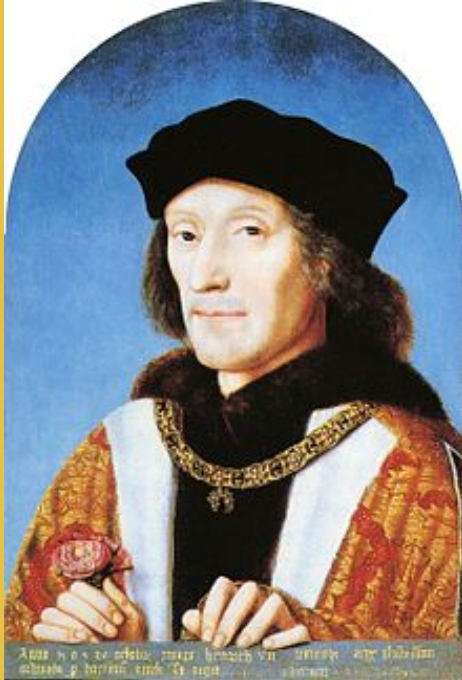
How did Henry VII a Lancaster get support  
from York to remove a York King ??



Richard III was very unpopular. Henry VII had agreed to marry Elizabeth of York ( technically his cousin) if crowned King. Elizabeth of York was sister to Edward V ( the Prince in the Tower) making Elizabeth technically the rightful heir to the throne !



# Henry VII's claim



Mother was cousin to a former King.

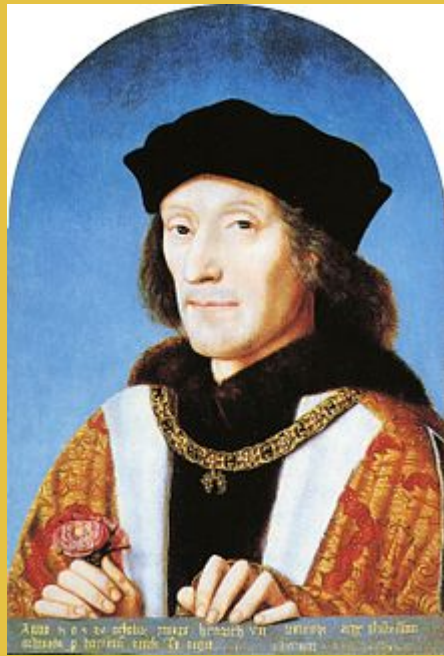
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**1485. Lancaster meets York at the  
Battle of Bosworth Field.  
What do you think the outcome  
will be?**



# HOW SUCCESSFUL WERE THE KINGS IN THE WAR OF THE ROSES?

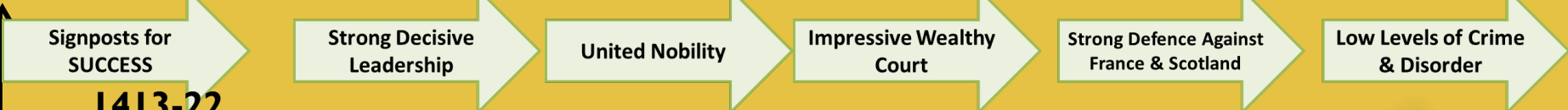
## YOUR TASK:

- Draw a graph on a piece of A3.
- Glue the green success arrows along the top and the red failure arrows along the bottom. This will help you decide if the Kings reign is a success or failure SEE SLIDE 24 FOR THE ARROWS
- Place the event cards on your timeline in chronological order. SEE SLIDE 23 FOR THE EVENTS
- Decide to what extent each event shows the success or failure of the King at the time, and stick the card in the correct place.
- Use the signposts / arrows for success and failure to help you.
- Once the cards have been “plotted” on your graph, connect them so your graph has a clear shape.
- See the next slide for an example

## EXTRA CHALLENGE

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Use the additional information and images to help you develop your graph into an explanatory revision tool.



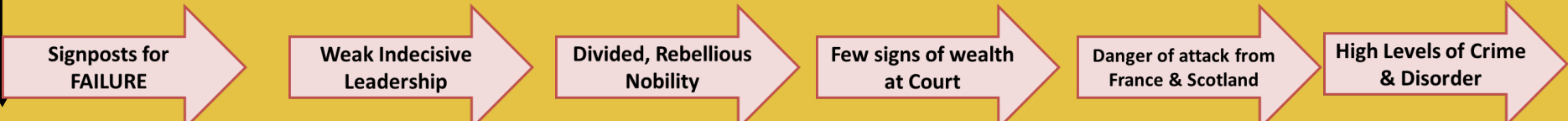
**1413-22**  
**King Henry V: the ideal King wins in France**



**1422-37**  
**A Child King: surprising success**



Watch this video 10 mins for an overview  
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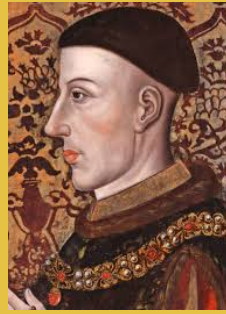


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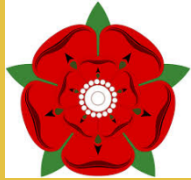


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Cut these out and make a family tree, clean copy at end of PPT SEE SLIDE 25



What has Game of Thrones got to do with the Wars of the Roses?

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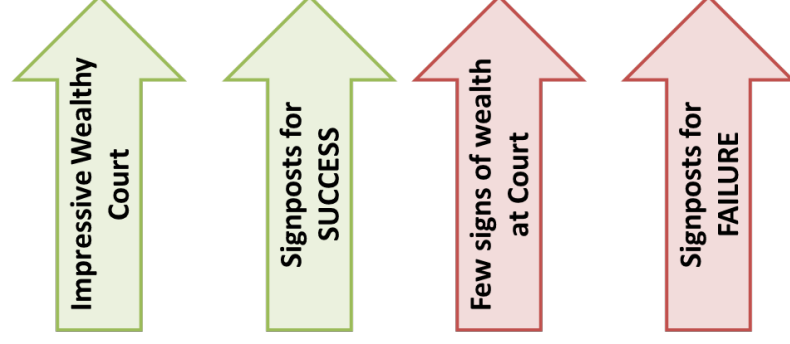
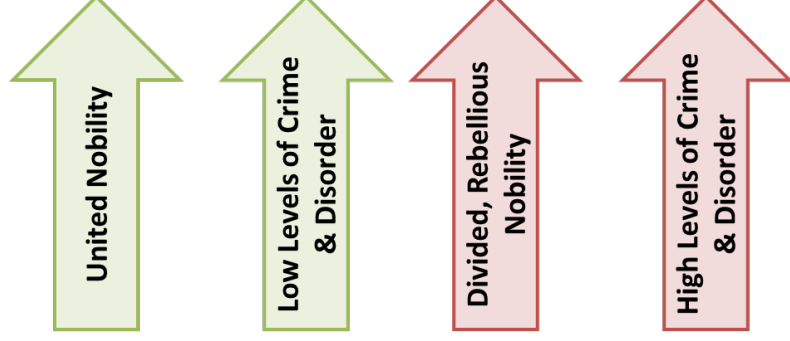
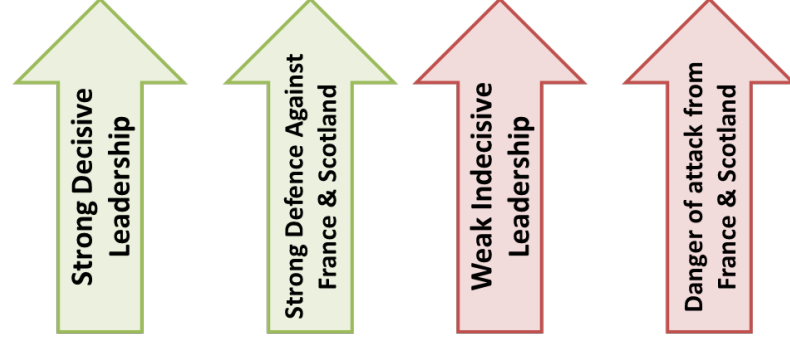
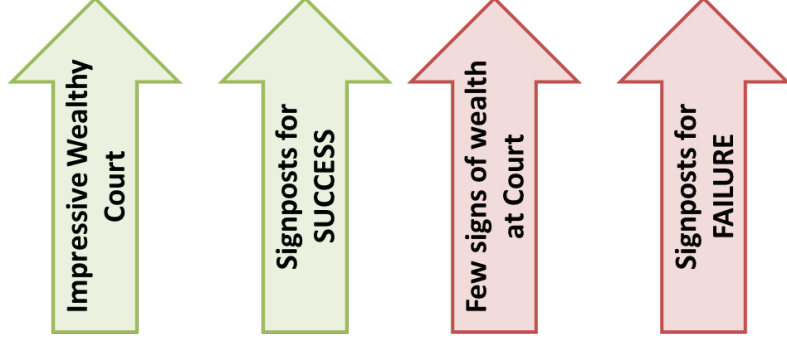
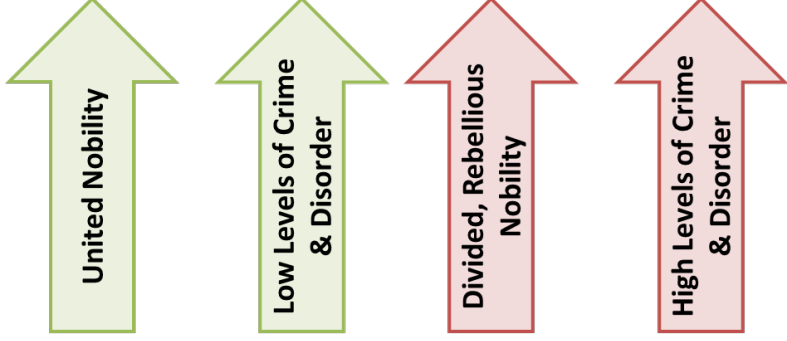
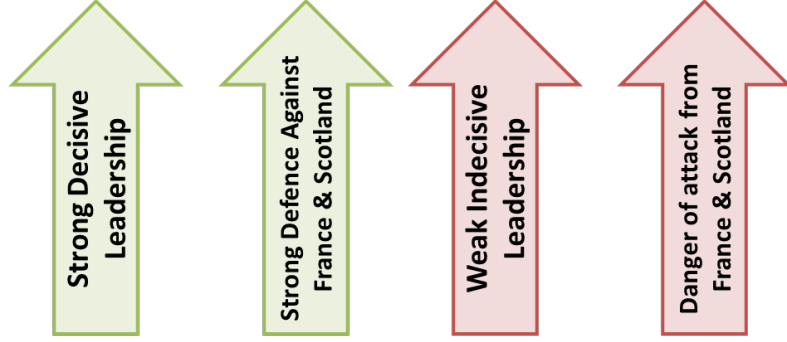
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1413-22</b> <b>King Henry V: the ideal King</b></p> <p>Henry V was extremely successful. He beat the French at the battle of Agincourt, conquered Northern France and there was peace and order in England. He was seen as the ideal king – but could his successors recreate his success?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1461-64</b> <b>Edward IV Takes Control</b></p> <p>Edward gradually restored peace, working closely with his powerful supporter, the Earl of Warwick. They defeated the remaining Lancastrians by 1464 and captured Henry VI who was imprisoned.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1471-83</b> <b>Edward IV's Next Successes</b></p> <p>Again Edward made England more peaceful and again people thought the battles were over.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1455-59</b> <b>A Phoney Peace</b></p> <p>There were no more battles for four years. Nearly all the nobles wanted peace and to stay loyal to Henry VI despite his failures. However, in 1459 war broke out because of distrust between the leaders.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1422-37</b> <b>A Child King: a surprising success</b></p> <p>Henry VI became king at 9 months old, so the council of nobles ruled England until Henry was 16. There were quarrels amongst the nobles and some defeats in France, but overall the nobles did a successful job, putting loyalty to the young king before their personal ambitions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1483</b> <b>Richard III Becomes King: Edward V Disappears</b></p> <p>Edward IV died suddenly in 1483. His 13 year old son became King Edward V. To everyone's surprise, young Edward's uncle Richard seized the crown and became King Richard III. Edward V vanished.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1455</b> <b>The First Battle</b></p> <p>The first battle was a fight between the Dukes of Somerset and York over who should be Henry's chief councillor. York won and Somerset was killed. Everyone hoped that this would be the only battle and they could rebuild England as a strong and united country.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1463-68</b> <b>Edward's First Successes</b></p> <p>The battles seemed over and England was peaceful. However, Edward did not give Warwick the influence he wanted and disagreed with him over foreign policy. Edward also made a very surprising marriage, in secret, to Elizabeth Woodville.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1469-71</b> <b>Warwick's Rebellion</b></p> <p>In 1469 Warwick rebelled, failed, then tried again in 1470, forcing Edward to flee abroad to Burgundy. Warwick made Henry VI king again but Edward returned with the Duke of Burgundy's help. Edward killed Warwick at the battle of Barnet, killed Henry's son at the battle of Tewkesbury and had Henry VI murdered in the Tower of London.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1459-61</b> <b>A Fight For the Crown</b></p> <p>The Lancastrians (supporters of Henry VI) feared that York wanted to depose Henry. York feared that the Lancastrians would attack him. Their mutual fears led them to build up armies and six battles were fought in 18 months. York was killed but his son, Edward, won the battle of Towton, deposed Henry and became King Edward IV. Henry and Margaret fled to Scotland. This was the period of greatest violence – England had sunk a long way from the successes of Henry V.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1483-85</b> <b>Richard III Killed At Bosworth</b></p> <p>Richard's seizure of the crown created enemies. One rebellion failed in 1483 but the rebels fled to Brittany to join Henry Tudor who was now Richard's rival for the crown. In August 1485 Henry Tudor invaded England and killed Richard III at the battle of Bosworth. Now it was Henry's turn to try and restore England to the successes of Henry V's reign 70 years earlier.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1427-50</b> <b>Henry VI: failure as an adult</b></p> <p>Henry VI was never an effective king. He always remained childlike, unable to take decisions and uninterested in war and government. The nobles tried to govern in his name but serious problems developed – the French lands were lost and violent disorder increased. In 1450 there was a major protest rebellion because people were so angry with these failures. This was falling a very long way from Henry V's success.</p>





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### Henry V Won the battle of Agincourt seen as a great king



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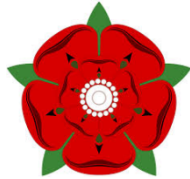


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