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## **Dramatis Personae:**

*King Henry the Fourth*  
*Henry, Prince of Wales, called Prince Hal*  
*Prince John of Lancaster*  
*Earl of Westmoreland*  
*Sir Walter Blunt*  
*Thomas Percy, Earl of Worcester*  
*Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland*  
*Henry Percy, called Hotspur*  
*Edmund Mortimer*  
*Richard Scroop*  
*Archibald, Earl of Douglas*  
*Owen Glendower*  
*Sir Richard Vernon*  
*Sir John Falstaff*  
*Sir Michael*  
*Poins*  
*Gadshill*  
*Peto*  
*Bardolph*  
*Lady Percy, wife of Hotspur*  
*Lady Mortimer*  
*Mistress Quickly*

*Lords, Officers, Sheriff, Vintner*  
*Chamberlain, Drawers, Carriers, Travelers*  
*and Attendants*

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<b>King Henry IV</b> Son of John of Gaunt; cousin to Richard II. Usurped Richard II and became Henry IV.	1367	1413	36/37	46
<b>Henry, Prince of Wales, called Prince Hal</b> Also called Henry of Monmouth. Oldest son to King Henry IV. Mother is Mary de Bohun.	sep 1387	1442 of dystentery in France	16/17	35
<b>Prince John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford</b> 3rd son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V and Gloucester; uncle to Henry VI.	1389	Sep 1435	13/14	46
<b>Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmoreland</b> This is Ralph, 6th Baron Neville of Raby, son of John 5th Baron and Maud Percy. Married second Joan Beaufort, daughter of Gaunt and Swynford.	1364	1425	38/39	61
<b>Sir Walter Blunt</b> Famous soldier and supporter of John of Gaunt. Killed at the Battle of Shrewsbury dressed in the King's clothes; killed by Archibald, 4th Earl of Douglas. "Shakespeare gives Blunt a more prominent role than does any other historian."	1350	1403 battle of Shrewsbury	52/53	53
<b>Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland</b> Elder son of Henry, 3rd Baron Percy of Alnwick. Rival is Ralph Neville. Married to Margaret Neville.	1342	1408	60/61	66
<b>Henry Percy, called Hotspur</b> Son of the 1st Earl of Northumberland. Married to Elizabeth Mortimer. Their son became the 2nd Earl of Northumberland.	1364	1403 battle of Shrewsbury	38/39	39
<b>Lady Percy, wife of Hotspur</b> Dame Elizabeth Mortimer, daughter of Edmund 3rd Earl of March	1370	1417	32/33	47
<b>Thomas Percy, Earl of Worcester</b> Last of the Percys to switch to Bolingbroke. Younger brother of Henry Percy 1st Earl of Northumberland; thus uncle to Hotspur. Accompanied Chaucer to Flanders. After four years of service to B/HIV, became bitter enemy. Traitor to both Richard II and Henry IV.	1344	1403 beheaded after capture at Shrewsbury	58/59	59
<b>Edmund Mortimer</b> His sister Elizabeth is married to Hotspur. He is the 2nd son of Edmund Mortimer, 3rd Earl of March, and younger brother of Roger Mortimer, 4th Earl. Married Glendower's daughter.	1374	1409 in siege of Harlech	28/29	35
<b>Lady Catherine Mortimer</b> Owen Glendower's daughter, who only speaks Welsh in the play (not written into the script).	1380	1413	22/23	33
<b>Richard Scroop (Scrope), Archbishop of York</b> 4th son of Henry Scrope, 1st Baron Scrope of Masham; godson of Richard 1st Baron Scrope of Bolton. He is the first bishop to die of capital punishment.	1350	May 1405 executed	52/23	55
<b>Archibald, 4th Earl of Douglas</b> Also 1st Duke of Touraine. 2nd son of the 3rd Earl of Douglas. In 1390 he married Margaret Stewart, daughter of Robert III, King of Scotland. Slain by Duke of Bedford at Verneuil in 1413.	1369	1413 slain at Verneuil	33/34	44

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<b>Sir Richard Vernon</b> 2nd son of Sir Richard Vernon. Became Baron Shipbrook. Fell at Shrewsbury, beheaded.		1403 beheaded after capture at Shrewsbury		
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Archibald Douglas, 5th Earl of Douglas</b> 1.iii.261 Eldest son of Douglas.	1391			
<b>William Scrope, Earl of Wiltshire</b> 1.iii.271, 4.iv				