

# HISTORICAL CHARACTERS

The following thirty-four pages are charts with brief biographical details of each character in Shakespeare's history plays. I hope you find them useful in some way!

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# KING JOHN

Reigned 1199–1216; play opens in 1199;  
closes in 1216. Written in 1596.

## Dramatis Personae

*Queen Eleanor, mother of King John*

*Constance, mother to Arthur*

*Blanche of Spain, niece of King John*

*Lady Faulconbridge*

*Various Lords, Ladies, Citizens,*

*Sheriff, Heralds, Officers, Soldiers,*

*Messengers, other Attendants*

*King John*

*Prince Henry, son to the king*

*Arthur, Duke of Britain; nephew to the king*

*Earl of Pembroke*

*Earl of Essex*

*Earl of Salisbury*

*The Lord Bigot*

*Hubert de Burgh*

*Robert Faulconbridge*

*Philip the Bastard, his half-brother*

*James Gurney*

*Peter of Pomfreet, a prophet*

*Philip, King of France*

*Lewis, the Dauphin*

*Lymoges, Duke of Austria*

*Cardinal Pandulph, Papal legate*

*Melun, a French lord*

*Chatillon, ambassador of France*

# KING JOHN

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Written about 1596.

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King John</b> Youngest and favorite son of Henry II; brother of Richard the Lionheart, whom John succeeded. Also called Lackland or Sans Terre because of the lack of land apportioned him by his father.	24 Dec 1167	18 Oct 1216	32/49	49
<b>Queen Eleanor</b> Mother of King John, married to Henry II.	1122	1204	77/dead	82
<b>Prince Henry</b> (later Henry III) Eldest son of King John. He succeeded to the throne at age nine.	1207	1272	--/9	65
<b>Arthur Plantagenet, Duke of Brittany</b> Posthumous son of Geoffrey (John's older brother), so he is nephew to King John. He was actually 17 years old at the time of his death.	1187	1203	13/dead	17
<b>Constance of Brittany</b> Mother to Arthur; widow of King John's brother Geoffrey	≈1160	1201	39/dead	41
<b>William Marshall, 1st Earl of Pembroke</b> He obtained the title thru his married to Isabel/Eva de Clare, daughter of Earl Richard Strongbow (Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke and Striguil/Chepstow). William made possible the realization of the Magna Carta. Was a Templar right before his death. His five sons were all successively Earls of Pembroke and Marshall of England, but all died without issue. The title was passed on through his daughters.	1146	1219	53/71	73
<b>Geoffrey FitzPeirs, Earl of Essex</b> Or FitzPeter. He married Beatrice de Say. He was one of five judges in the King's court. Carried out many oppressive measures to supply Richard the Lionheart with money. King John actively disliked him.	1165	1213	34/48	48
<b>William Longsword, 3rd Earl of Salisbury</b> He is a bastard son of Henry II by an unknown mother, possibly Rosamund Clifford. Half-brother to Richard I (Lionheart), who gave him Ela Devereux as wife, who was daughter to William Devereux, Earl of Salisbury, from whom he succeeded to the title.	≈1160	1226	39/56	66
<b>Robert Lord Bigot (Bigod)</b> He was the 2nd Earl of Norfolk, son of Hugh, 1st Earl. Married Isabel Plantagenet.	≈1170	1221	29/46	51
<b>Hubert de Burgh</b> Descended from Charlemagne; immediate ancestor was a half-bro to William the Conqueror. Married 4th Margaret, sister of Alexander II of Scotland.	1165	12 May 1243	34/51	78
<b>Philip, King of France</b>	1165	1223	34/48	58
<b>Lewis, the Dauphin</b> Married to Blanche of Castile	1187	1226	12/29	39
<b>Blanche of Castile</b> Wife of Lewis VIII of France (the Dauphin in the play).	1188	1252	11/28	64
<b>Cardinal Pandulph, Papal Legate</b>		1226		

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<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Richard the Lionheart</b> , second son of Henry II (probably gay)	1157	1199		41
<b>Geoffrey Plantagenet</b> , third son of Henry II	1158	1186 killed in a tournament one month before his son was born		28

# RICHARD 2

Reigned 1379–1399; play opens in 1398;  
closes in February, 1400. Written about 1595.

## Dramatis Personae:

*King Richard the Second*  
*Isabella, Queen to King Richard*  
*John of Gaunt, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Lancaster*  
*Edmund of Langley, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of York*  
*Isabella of Castile/Joan Holland, Duchess of York*  
*Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford; later Henry IV*  
*Edward of Norwich, Duke of Aumerle*  
*Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk*  
*Thomas Holland, Duke of Surrey*  
*John Montacute, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury*  
*Thomas Lord Berkeley, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Berkeley*

*Sir John Bushy*  
*Sir William (or John) Bagot*  
*Sir Henry Green*

*Henry Percy, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Northumberland*  
*Henry Percy, called Hotspur, son of Northumberland*  
*William Lord Ross, 7<sup>th</sup> Baron Ross of Hamlake*  
*William Lord Willoughby, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Willoughby de Ersby*  
*Walter Lord Fitzwater, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Fitzwater*  
*Thomas Marke, Bishop of Carlisle, Benedictine Monk*  
*William de Colchester, Abbot of Westminster*  
*Lord Marshal*  
*Sir Stephen Scroop (or Scrope)*  
*Sir Pierce of Exton*  
*Welsh Captain*  
*Eleanor de Bohun, Duchess of Gloucester*  
*Lady attending the Queen*  
*Lords, Heralds, Officers, Soldiers*  
*Gardeners, Keepers, Messengers*  
*Groom and other Attendants*

## Mentioned:

*Thomas of Woodstock, 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Gloucester*

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Written about 1595.

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King Richard II</b> Son of Edward the Black Prince, who was the oldest son of King Edward III. Married second wife Isabella de Valois, daughter of Charles VI of France.	1367	1399 murdered	31/33	33
<b>Queen Isabella</b> Second wife of Richard II, Isabella de Valois, daughter of Charles VI of France. She was born in 1390, so was really 8–10 years old at the time of the play; she died in France in 1409 in childbirth.	1390	1409	8/10	19
<b>John of Gaunt</b> Fourth son of King Edward III. Married first Blanche of Lancaster; second Constance of Castille, daughter of Pedro the Cruel; third his mistress who already had his kids, Catherine Swynford. Uncle to Richard II.	1340	1399	58/60	60
<b>Eleanor de Bohun, Duchess of Gloucester</b> Wife of Thomas of Woodstock (dead before the play begins), seventh and youngest son of King Edward II, thus brother to John of Gaunt and Edmund of Langley. Aunt to Richard II. (Her sister is married to Bolingbroke.)				
<b>Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York</b> Fifth son of King Edward III. Married first Isabel of Castille, second daughter of Pedro the Cruel; married second to Joan Holland. Uncle to Richard II.	1341	1402	57/59	61
<b>Duchess of York</b> Isabel of Castille is the mother of Aumerle, but she died in 1394 and Joan Holland was the wife of York by the time of the play. Aunt to Richard II.				
<b>Edward of Norwich, Duke of Aumerle</b> Son of the Duke and Duchess of York (see above). He was also, later, Earl of Rutland and 2nd Duke of York (in the play <i>Henry V</i> ).	1373	25 Oct 1415 killed at Agincourt	25/27	42
<b>Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford</b> Son of John of Gaunt; cousin to Richard II. Usurped Richard II and became Henry IV.	1366	1413	32/34	47
<b>Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk</b> He was also Earl of Nottingham.	1366	Sep 1399	32	33 plague in Venice
<b>Thomas Holland, Duke of Surrey</b> Eldest son of Thomas Holland 2nd Earl of Kent and Alice FitzAlan.	1374	1400 beheaded	23/25	24
<b>John Montacute, 3rd Earl of Salisbury</b> Son of Sir John Montacute, whose brother is the 2nd Earl of Salisbury. <i>Not</i> a descendant of William Longsword in <i>King John</i> . John's son, Thomas Montacute, 4th Earl of Salisbury, married Eleanor Holland and had a daughter Alice who married Richard Neville, 1st Earl of Salisbury in the Neville line.	1350	1400 executed by mob	48/50	50
<b>Thomas Lord Berkeley</b> 5th Baron Berkeley. Married Margaret, daughter of Warine, Lord Lisle. Had a daughter Elizabeth who married Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.	1353	1417	45/47	64

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Written about 1595.

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>Sir Henry Green</b> Favorite of Richard II. 2nd son of sir Henry Greene and Catherine, daughter of sir John Drayton of Drayton. A minor knight who became one of Richard's three "continual councillors" along with Bushy and Bagot.		2 Sep 1399 executed without a trial		
<b>Sir John Bushy</b> (or Bussy) Favorite of Richard II. Son of Sir William Bussy and Isabel Paynell, the daughter of John Paynell. A minor knight who became one of Richard's three "continual councillors" along with Bagot and Green.		29 July 1399 executed without a trial		
<b>Sir William (or John) Bagot</b> Favorite of Richard II. A minor Warwickshire knight who became one of Richard's three "continual councillors" along with Bushy and Green.		6 Sep 1407 Imprisoned by H4 for a year		
<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	56/58	66
<b>Henry Percy, called Hotspur</b> Son of the 1st Earl of Northumberland. Married to Elizabeth Mortimer.	1364	23 Jul 1403 killed at Shrewsbury	34/36	39
<b>William Lord Ross</b> 7th Baron Ross of Hamlake, Yorkshire. Married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Arundel.		1414		
<b>William Lord Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Eresby</b> "His ancestor had been a Norman knight, rewarded by the Conqueror with the lordship of Willoughby, County Lincoln." Thomson p. 306.		1409		
<b>Walter Lord Fitzwater, 5th Baron Fitzwater</b> He was the first to throw down his gage to Aumerle. Married Joan Devereux.	1368	1407	30/32	39
<b>Thomas Marke, Bishop of Carlisle</b> Benedictine monk of Westminster.	1409			
<b>William de Colchester, Abbot of Westminster</b>		1420		
<b>Thomas Holland, Lord Marshal</b> Duke of Surrey and Earl of Kent. Oldest son of Thomas Holland, 2nd Earl of Kent.	1374	1400 beheaded by mob	23/25	25
<b>Sir Stephen Scroop (Scrope)</b> Third son of Richard 1st Baron Scrope of Bolton; brother to William le Scrope, Earl of Wiltshire. (French reverses the genealogy.) Was one of the few who remained faithful to Richard II until his surrender at Flint. His widow, Millicent Tiptoft, married Sir John Fastolfe.		1408 of the plague		

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<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>William le Scrope, Earl of Wiltshire</b> Eldest son of Richard 1st Baron Scrope of Bolton; French reverses the genealogy and makes him the younger son of Henry, 1st Baron Scrope of Masham.	1350	2 Sep 1399 executed without a trial	48/--	49
<b>Thomas of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester</b> Seventh and youngest son of King Edward III, thus brother to John of Gaunt and Edmund of Langley. Uncle to Richard II. Murdered before the play begins, supposedly by Mowbray (smothered, not bloodily killed as in the play).	1350	Apr 1397 (he is murdered before the play opens)	(47)	47
<b>Owen Glendower</b> 3.i.43 Descended from Llewelyn, last Prince of Wales. Also spelled Owain ap Gruffydd. His daughter Catherine married Edmund Mortimer.	1354	1416	44/46	62
<b>Sir Thomas Blunt/Blount of Belton</b> 5.vi.8 Probably a son of Sir John of Belton. "Arrested [by Henry IV] and executed under circumstances of extreme barbarity. While enduring intense suffering, which he bore with great heroism, he was cruelly taunted by Sir Thomas Erpingham."				
<b>Sir Bennet Seely</b> (Or Sir John Scheveley or Sir Benedict Seeley) "Sir Richard Brown states that he was Sir John Shelley, ancestor of the family of that name who became baronets, and of whom Sir Philip Charles Shelley, taking the name of Sidney, was created Lord de L'Isle and Dudley." Thomson, p. 269				
<b>Sir John Norberry</b> 2.i.284 One of Bolingbroke's companions. His family seat was Stoke d'Abernon in Surrey.				
<b>Reginald, 2nd Lord Cobham</b> Companion of Bolingbroke on his return from exile.				
<b>Francis Quoint or Point</b> Companion of Bolingbroke on his return from exile.				



# 1 HENRY 4

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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>Owen Glendower</b> Owain ab Gruffydd. Descended from Llewelyn, last Prince of Wales.	1359	1416	43/44	57
<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				

# 2 HENRY 4

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## **Dramatis Personae:**

*Rumor, the presenter*

*Lady Northumberland*

*Lady Percy*

*Mistress Quickly*

*Doll Tearsheet*

*King Henry the Fourth*

*Henry, Prince of Wales;*

*afterwards King Henry the Fifth*

*Thomas of Clarence*

*Prince John of Lancaster*

*Humphrey of Gloucester*

*Earl of Warwick*

*Earl of Westmoreland*

*Earl of Surrey*

*Gower*

*Harcourt*

*Blunt*

*Lord Chief Justice*

*A Servant to the Chief Justice*

*Earl of Northumberland*

*Scroop, Archbishop of York*

*Lord Mowbray*

*Lord Hastings*

*Lord Bardolph*

*Sir John Coleville*

*Travers and Morton*

*Falstaff, Bardolph, Pistol, and a Page*

*Poins and Peto*

*Shallow and Silence, country justices*

*Davy, Shallow's servant*

*Mouldy, Shadow, Wart, Feeble, and Bullcalf, recruits*

*Fang and Snare, sheriff's officers*

*Lords and Attendants*

*Officers, Messengers, Soldiers*

*Porter, Drawer, Beadles, Grooms, etc.*

*A Dancer, Speaker of the Epilogue*

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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	36/46	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	16/26	35
<b>Thomas, Duke of Clarence</b> 2nd son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Gloucester, and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI.	1388	1422	15/25	34
<b>Prince John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford</b> 3rd son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Gloucester, and Clarence; uncle to Henry VI. He burnt Joan d'Arc.	1389	Sep 1435	14/24	46
<b>Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Pembroke</b> "Good Duke Humphrey." Youngest son of Henry IV; brother to Henry V, Clarence, and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI. His wife was prosecuted for witchcraft in 1441 (2HVI).	1391	1447	12/22	56
<b>Richard Beauchamp, 13th Earl of Warwick</b> Son of one of the Lords Appellant. Campaigned against Glendower. Cared for Henry VI's education.	1382	1425	21/31	43
<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	39/49	61
<b>Thomas Fitzalan, 5th Earl of Surrey and 11th Earl of Arundel</b> He was 16 years old when Richard II beheaded his father Richard, 4th Earl of Surrey.	1381	1415 of dysentery	22/32	34
<b>Thomas Gower</b> (probably) Eldest son of Sir Thomas Gower of Stilenham, Yorkshire. Later Governor of Mans.				
<b>Sir Thomas Harcourt</b> (possibly) Possibly Sir Thomas Harcourt of Stanton, Oxfordshire; sheriff of Berkshire in Henry IV, 1407				
<b>Sir John Blount</b> Elder son of Sir Walter Blount, who was killed at the end of 1 Henry IV while dressed as the King.	1378	1456	25/35	78
<b>Lord Chief Justice, Sir William Gascoigne</b> Of Gawthorpe, Yorkshire. Married Elizabeth Mowbray.	1350	1419	53/63	69
<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 slain, his head placed on London Bridge	61/66	66
<b>Lady Northumberland</b> In the correct historical timeframe, this was the Earl's second wife, Maud Lucy. But the playwright is probably referring to Hotspur's mother, who was Margaret Neville.		1372		
<b>Lady Percy</b> Although the playwright calls her Kate (Katherine), her name was Elizabeth Mortimer.	1370	1417	33/43	47

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<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	53/dead	55
<b>Thomas Lord Mowbray</b> Lord Marshall and 3rd Earl of Nottingham. Son of the Thomas Mowbray who was banished in <i>Richard II</i> . He died through the treachery of John of Lancaster, grandson of John of Gaunt.	1385	1405 beheaded at York	18/dead	20
<b>Lord Hastings</b> Actually, he is "Sir" Ralph Hastings (knight), not "Lord (Baron). Eldest son of Sir Ralph Hastings by Maud, daughter of Sir Robert de Sutton of Sutton, Yorkshire.				
<b>Thomas Lord Bardolph</b> Thomas 5th Baron Bardolph, son of William 4th Baron Bardolph. Married Amicia, daughter of Ralph 2nd Baron Cromwell. His daughter Anne married Sir William Clifford. Died of wounds of a minor battle; his body was quartered, sent to London, Lynn, Shrewsbury, and York—and his head to Lincoln.	1368	1408	35/dead	40
<b>Sir John Coleville</b> "Perhaps this is the man who was governor of Wisbeach Castle and whose grandfather of the same name served with Edward III. . . . No doubt he was the same Sir John Colvyl Knight who was in the retinue of Henry V in his expedition to France in 1415." Thomson, p. 78.				
<b>Sir John Falstaff</b> Probably based on Sir John Fastolf, who was educated as a page in the household of Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk. Married the widow of Sir Stephen Scrope.	1378	1459	25/35	81
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<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.	1350	1403 battle of Shrewsbury	dead	53

# HENRY 5

Reigned 1413–1422; play opens in 1414; closes in 1420.  
Written about 1599.

## Dramatis Personae:

*Isabel, Queen of France*  
*Katherine, daughter of Charles and Isabel*  
*Alice*  
*Hostess of the tavern, wife of Pistol*

*King Henry the Fifth*  
*Humphrey of Gloucester*  
*Duke of Bedford*  
*Duke of Exeter*  
*Duke of York*  
*Earls of Salisbury, Westmoreland, and Warwick*  
*Archbishop of Canterbury*  
*Bishop of Ely*  
*Earl of Cambridge*  
*Lord Scroop*  
*Sir Thomas Grey*  
*Sir Thomas Erpingham, Gower, Fluellen, Macmorris, Jamy*  
*Bates, Court, Williams*  
*Pistol, Nym, Bardolph*  
*Boy*  
*A Herald*  
*Charles the Sixth, King of France*  
*Lewis, the Dauphin*  
*Dukes of Burgundy, Orleans, and Bourbon*  
*The Constable of France*  
*Rambures and Grandpré*  
*Montjoy*  
*Governor of Harfleur*  
*Ambassadors to England*  
*Lords, Ladies, Officers, Soldiers, Citizens*  
*Chorus*

# HENRY 5

Reigned 1413-1422; play opens in 1414; closes in 1420. Written about 1599.

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King Henry V</b> Son of Henry IV and Mary de Bohun. Married to Katherine of Valois.	1387	1422 dysentery in France	27/33	35
<b>Humphrey Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Pembroke</b> In 1422 he married Jacqueline of Hainault but dumped her for her maid-in-waiting, Eleanor Cobham. Brother to Henry V and Bedford.	1391	1447	23/29	56
<b>Prince John of Lancaster, Duke of Bedford</b> Brother to Henry V and Gloucester.	20 Jun 1389	15 Sep 1435	25/31	47
<b>Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter</b> 3rd and youngest son of John of Gaunt by Catherine Swynford; half-uncle to Henry V. He was actually the Earl of Dorset when the play opens. No issue.	1360	Jan 1427	54/60	67
<b>Edward of Norwich, 2nd Duke of York</b> Eldest son of Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York (who was brother to John of Gaunt). In <i>Richard II</i> , he is called Duke of Aumerle; cousin to Bolingbroke. He was also the Earl of Rutland. 1C1R to Henry V.	1373	25 Oct 1415 killed at Agincourt		42
<b>Richard Beauchamp, 13th Earl of Warwick</b> (Playwright calls him "cousin Neville" in 3.i.66.) Descended from Hugh de Beauchamp, a companion of William the Conqueror. His youngest daughter Anne married Richard Neville, Kingmaker, who later became Earl of Warwick.	28 Jan 1381	30 Apr 1439	33/39	58
<b>Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmorland</b> 6th Baron Neville of Raby; son of John (5th Baron) and Maud (daughter of Henry Percy). (married Joan Beaufort, daughter of John of Gaunt and Katherine Swynford; sister to Exeter)	1364	1425	50/56	61
<b>Thomas Montacute, 4th Earl of Salisbury</b> Son of John Montacute who was executed by a mob. Married Eleanor Holland. See 1HVI.	1388	1428 of wounds from Tourelles	26/32	40
<b>Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge</b> Younger brother of Aumerle/Edward Duke of York. Married Anne Mortimer, younger sister of Edmund Mortimer 5th Earl of March and considered rightful King. Their son Richard 3rd Duke of York married Cecily Neville and were the parents of Edward IV.	Sep 1376	5 Aug 1415 executed	39	39
<b>Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury</b>	1362	1448	52/58	86
<b>John Fordham, Bishop of Ely</b>	≈1335	1425		90
<b>Henry of Masham, 3rd Baron Scrope</b> Eldest son of Stephen Scrope 2nd Baron. His uncle Richard, Archbishop of York, was executed in 2HIV.	1376	5 Aug 1415 executed	39	39
<b>Sir Thomas Grey</b> 2nd son of Sir Thomas Grey of Berwick. Executed.		5 Aug 1415 executed		
<b>Captain Fluellen (Welsh)</b> "It has been suggested that David [Gam] is the original of Shakespeare's Fluellen. This is not at all an improbable conjecture, as Fluellen is plainly a corruption of Llewelyn, and David was generally called David Llewelyn, or ab Llewelyn."				
<b>Captain Macmorris (Irish)</b>				



# HENRY 5

Reigned 1413-1422; play opens in 1414; closes in 1420. *Written about 1599.*

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>Captain Jamy (Scottish)</b> Fluellen calls him "James." This <b>might</b> be King James I of Scotland who had been taken prisoner in England under Henry IV but was released by Henry V on condition of serving under him as private knight. He married Joanna Beaufort, granddaughter of John of Gaunt. Was murdered later in Scotland.	1394 (assuming it's King James I)	1437	20/26	43
<b>Sir Thomas Erpingham</b>	1357	1428	57/63	71
<b>Captain Thomas Gower</b> Son of the same.				
<b>Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy</b> Son of John the Fearless, b. 1371; in HV). His sister Anne married Prince John, Duke of Bedford.	1396	1467	18/24	71
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Davy Gam</b> Dafydd ab Llewelyn is his Welsh spelling. Gam means squinting. Accompanied by three archers on foot, Davy Gam accompanied Henry V to France.				
<b>Michael de la Pole, 3rd Earl of Suffolk</b> Oldest son of same name, 2nd Earl of Suffolk. His father died of dysentery at Harfleur.	1394	1415 at Agincourt	19/dead	20
<b>Gilbert Talbot</b> 4.iii.54 Elder brother of the 1st Earl of Shrewsbury who appears in 1HIV. He had a daughter named Ankaret	1383	1419 before Rouen	31/dead	36
<b>David II</b> 1.ii.161 Only son of Robert Bruce by his 2nd wife, Elizabeth de Burgh.	1324	1371	dead	47
<b>Sir Richard Ketley</b>				
<b>John Holland, Earl of Huntingdon</b>				
<b>Hugh Capet</b> , founder of Capetian dynasty 1.ii.69f	938	996	dead	58

# 1 HENRY 6

Reigned 1422–1461; 1470–1471. Play opens in 1422 (death of HV); closes in 1445 (H6 wedding).  
Written about 1589.

## Dramatis Personae:

*King Henry the Sixth*  
*Humphrey of Gloucester*  
*Duke of Bedford*  
*Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter*  
*Henry Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester*  
*John Beaufort, Earl of Somerset*  
*Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York*  
*Earl of Warwick*  
*Earl of Salisbury*  
*Earl of Suffolk*  
*Lord Talbot*  
*John Talbot*  
*Edmund Mortimer*  
*Sir John Fastolf, Sir William Lucy,*  
*Sir William Glansdale,*  
*Sir Thomas Gargrave*  
*Mayor of London*  
*Woodville, Vernon, Basset*  
*Mortimer's Keepers*  
*A Lawyer*  
*Charles Dauphin, afterwards King of France*  
*Reignier, Duke of Anjou*  
*Duke of Burgundy*  
*Duke of Alençon*  
*Bastard of Orleans*  
*Governor of Paris*  
*Master-Gunner of Orleans and his son*  
*General of French Forces in Bordeaux*  
*A French Sergeant*  
*A Porter*  
*An Old Shepherd, father to Joan*  
*Margaret*  
*Countess of Auvergne*  
*Joan la Pucelle (called Joan of Arc)*  
*Lords, Warders of the Tower, Heralds*  
*Officers, Soldiers, Messengers and Attendants*  
*Fiends, to appear before Joan*

# 1 HENRY 6

Reigned 1422–1461; 1470–1471. Play opens in 1422 (death of HV); closes in 1445 (H6 wedding). *Written about 1589.*

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King Henry VI</b> Only son of Henry V; his father died when Henry VI was 9 months old. Married the French Margaret of Anjou when she was 15 years old. Their only son Edward was killed at Tewkesbury when 19 years old, one day before Henry VI was murdered.	1421	1471	1/24	50
<b>Humphrey Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Pembroke</b> Youngest son of Henry IV by first wife Mary de Bohun. Thus he was brother to Henry V and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI. Married his mistress Eleanor Cobham after abandoning his first wife, who was French.	1391	1447	31/54	56
<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	1435 at Rouen	53/--	46
<b>Thomas Beaufort, Duke of Exeter</b> 3rd and youngest son of John of Gaunt by Catherine Swynford; half-brother to Henry IV, brother to Henry Beaufort; great-uncle to Henry VI.		1427		
<b>Henry Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester</b> 2nd son of John of Gaunt by Catherine Swynford; half brother to Henry IV, brother to Thomas Beaufort. Great-uncle and guardian of infant Henry VI. Completed Winchester Cathedral. Became Cardinal Beaufort (in 2 Henry VI).	1374	1447	48/71	73
<b>John Beaufort, 3rd Earl of Somerset</b> In 1443 he became 1st Duke of Somerset. Nephew to Henry and Thomas Beaufort. Married Margaret Beauchamp; their daughter Margaret married Edmund Tudor who became parents of Henry VII.	1403	27 May 1444	19/--	41
<b>Richard Plantagenet, 3rd Duke of York</b> Only son of Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge, and Anne Mortimer. He married Cecily Neville, daughter of the 1st Earl of Westmorland. Father of King Edward IV, King Richard III, George Duke of Clarence.	1411	1460	21/46	49
<b>Richard Beauchamp, 13th Earl of Warwick</b> Descended from Hugh de Beauchamp, a companion of William the Conqueror. His youngest daughter Anne married Richard Neville, Kingmaker, who later became Earl of Warwick.	1381	1439	41/--	58
<b>Thomas Montacute, 4th Earl of Salisbury</b> Eldest son of John Montacute (born 1350, executed for treason; brother to William, 2nd Earl of Salisbury). Married Eleanor Holland, daughter of 2nd Earl of Kent.	1388	1429 siege of Orleans	34/--	41
<b>William de la Pole, 4th Earl of Suffolk and later 1st Duke of Suffolk</b> Brother of 3rd Earl of Suffolk in Henry V. Married Alice, widow of Earl of Salisbury. Their son John married Elizabeth Plantagenet, daughter of Richard, Duke of York.	1396	1450; beheaded at sea (not the King's orders)	26/49	54

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Reigned 1422–1461; 1470–1471. Play opens in 1422 (death of HV); closes in 1445 (H6 wedding). *Written about 1589.*

Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>John Lord Talbot, 1st Earl of Shrewsbury</b> Taken prisoner and slain in war at Castillon. Married first his mother's stepdaughter, Maud Neville (daughter of Thomas Neville and Joan Furnivall). Married second, 1433, Margaret Beauchamp, oldest daughter of 5th Earl of Warwick.	1388	1453 slain in battle (age 65) alongside his son	34/57	65
<b>John Talbot, Viscount and 1st Baron Lisle</b> Son of the above by his second wife. Married Joan Cheddar.	1426	1453 slain in battle alongside his father	--/19	27
<b>Edmund Mortimer, 5th Earl of March</b> He was the son of the heir presumptive of the throne, and considered the future King. Has been imprisoned in the Tower for years. Last Earl of March of that male line; titles and estates passed to his nephew, Richard Duke of York. Playwright confuses this Edmund with his uncle, who married Glendower's daughter.	1391	1424 plague in Ireland	31/dead	33
<b>Sir John Fastolf</b> Educated as a page in the household of Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk. Married the widow of Sir Stephen Scrope.	1378	1459	44/67	81
<b>Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy</b> (Son of John the Fearless, b. 1371; in HV). His sister Anne married Prince John, Duke of Bedford.	1396	1467	29/49	71
<b>Richard Woodville, Lieutenant of the Tower</b> He was actually Constable of the Tower, not Lt. His elder brother was Thomas Woodville of Grafton.				
<b>Sir William Lucy</b> Married Elizabeth, daughter of Hotspur's nephew, Thomas Percy.	1420	1460 at Battle of Northampton	2/25	
<b>Sir William Glansdale</b> Drowned in his armor when the drawbridge at Orleans was struck by cannon and he fell into the Loire, along with many other knights and soldiers.				
<b>Sir Thomas Gargrave</b>				
<b>Sir Richard Vernon</b> Yorkist. Married his cousin Benedicta; their son was William Vernon, Constable of England.				
<b>Basset</b>				
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Lord Walter Hungerford</b> 1.i.145-46 1st Baron Hungerford. Son of Sir Thomas Hungerford, steward in the house of Gaunt.	1378	1449 buried in Salisbury Cathedral	(44/67)	71
<b>Thomas de Scales, Lord Scales</b> 7th Baron Scales, son of Robert 5th Lord Scales. Succeeded his older brother Robert.	1399		(23)	
<b>Lionel of Antwerp, Duke of Clarence</b> Third son of Edward III; brother to John of Gaunt, et al. Married Elizabeth de Burgh; he was 14, she 20 when they married. He is the father of Philippa, who married Edmund Mortimer, 3rd Earl of March, from whom descends the Mortimer's claim to the throne.	1338	1368	(dead)	30

# 2 HENRY 6

Reigned 1422–1461; 1470–1471. Play opens in 1445 (Queen's coronation); closes in 1455 (first Battle of St. Albans). Written about 1589.

## Dramatis Personae:

*King Henry the Sixth*  
*Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester*  
*Cardinal Beaufort*  
*Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York*  
*Edward, Earl of March*  
*Richard, Duke of Gloucester*  
*Duke of Somerset*  
*Duke of Suffolk*  
*Duke of Buckingham*  
*Lord Clifford*  
*Young Clifford*  
*Earl of Salisbury*  
*Earl of Warwick*  
*Lord Scales*  
*Lord Say*  
*Sir Humphrey Stafford*  
*Sir John Stanley*  
*Sir William Vaux*  
*Matthew Goffe*  
*Walter Whitmore*  
*A Sea Captain, Master, and Master's Mate*  
*Two Gentlemen, prisoners with Suffolk*  
*John Hume and John Southwell*  
*Bolingbroke*  
*Thomas Horner*  
*Peter*  
*Clerk of Chatham*  
*Mayor of St. Alban's*  
*Simpcox*  
*Jack Cade*  
*George Bevis, John Holland, Dick the Butcher, Smith the Weaver, Michael, etc.*  
*Alexander Iden*  
*Two Murderers*  
*Margaret, Queen of King Henry*  
*Margery Jourdain*  
*Wife of Simpcox*  
*Lords, Ladies, and Attendants*  
*Herald, Petitioner, Aldermen*  
*A Beadle, Sheriff, and Officers*  
*Citizens, Prentices, Falconers, Guards, Soldiers, Messengers, etc.*  
*A Spirit*

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Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King Henry VI</b> Only son of Henry V; his father died when Henry VI was 9 months old. Married the French <b>Margaret of Anjou</b> when she was 15 years old. Their only son <b>Edward</b> was killed at Tewkesbury when 19 years old, one day before Henry VI was murdered.	1421	1471	21/34	50
<b>Humphrey Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester and Earl of Pembroke</b> Youngest son of Henry IV by first wife Mary de Bohun. Thus he was brother to Henry V and Bedford; uncle to Henry VI. Married his mistress Eleanor Cobham after abandoning his first wife, who was French.	1391	1447	51/--	56
<b>Eleanor Cobham, Duchess of Gloucester</b> Wife of Humphrey, first being his mistress; brought to trial on charges of necromancy, heresy, and treason, trying to kill the king.		1454 on the Isle of Man		
<b>Henry Beaufort, Cardinal of Winchester</b> Same man who was Bishop in previous play. Second son of John of Gaunt by Catherine Swynford; half brother to Henry IV, brother to Thomas Beaufort. Great-uncle and guardian of infant Henry VI. Completed Winchester Cathedral.	1374	1447	68/--	73
<b>Richard Plantagenet, 3rd Duke of York</b> Only son of Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge, and Anne Mortimer. He married <b>Cicely Neville</b> , daughter of the 1st Earl of Westmorland. Father of King Edward IV, King Richard III, George Duke of Clarence.	1411	1460 slain at Wakefield; his head placed on wall of York	31/44	49
<b>Edward Plantagenet, 3rd Earl of March</b> Oldest son of Richard Plantagenet, 3rd Duke of York, and Cicely Nevile; he becomes <b>King Edward IV</b> . He is brother to George, whom he made Duke of Clarence, and Richard, whom he made Duke of Gloucester (next play). He secretly married Elizabeth Woodville in 1464.	1442 extremely handsome; 6 foot 3.	1483 died of mortification, say the French	--/13	41
<b>Richard Plantagenet, (later) Duke of Gloucester</b> Son of Duke of York (see above); brother to Edward IV, Clarence. Becomes <b>King Richard III</b> .	1452	1485 at the Battle of Bosworth	--/30	33
<b>Edmund Beaufort, (Earl, then) 2nd Duke of Somerset</b> Younger brother of the Earl/Duke of Somerset in <i>part 1</i> ; nephew of Cardinal Beaufort. His was the first noble blood shed in the War of the Roses at St. Albans in 1455; his head appears in <i>part 3</i> . Married Eleanor, 2nd daughter of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.	about 1405	1455 St. Albans; beheaded by York		
<b>William de la Pole, 4th Earl of Suffolk (Marquess?) and later 1st Duke of Suffolk</b> Brother of 3rd Earl of Suffolk in <i>Henry V</i> . Married Alice, widow of Earl of Salisbury. Their son John married Elizabeth Plantagenet, daughter of Richard, Duke of York.	1396	1450; beheaded at sea (not the King's orders)	26/49	54
<b>Humphrey Stafford, Duke of Buckingham</b> Married the heiress of the Earldom of Buckingham, Anne Neville. His mother Anne was daughter of Thomas of Gloucester, youngest son of Edward III.	1402	1460 Battle of Northampton	40/53	58
<b>Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury</b> Oldest son of Ralph 1st Earl of Westmorland and Joan Beaufort. Married Alice Montacute, only daughter of Thomas Montacute, Earl of Salisbury.	1400	1460 captured at Wakefield, beheaded at Pontefract	42/55	60

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<b>Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (and Earl of Salisbury) Kingmaker.</b> Oldest son of the above. Married Anne, sole daughter and heiress of Richard Beauchamp Earl of Warwick. His youngest daughter Anne was betrothed to Edward, son of Margaret and Henry VI.	1428	April 1471 Slain at the Battle of Barnet	14/27	43
<b>Thomas, Lord Clifford (8th Baron Clifford)</b> Son of John 7th Baron by his wife Elizabeth Percy, only daughter of Hotspur. Married Joanna Dacres, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacres of Gillesland.	1414	May 1455 Slain at first Battle of St. Albans	28/41	41
<b>John, Young Clifford (9th Baron Clifford)</b> Son of Thomas Lord Clifford, above. Murdered the young son of York, Earl of Rutland; thus nicknamed The Butcher. Also cut off the Duke of York's head and presented it to Margaret with a paper crown.	1435	1461 slain on the eve of the Battle of Towton	7/20	26
<b>Thomas Lord Scales (7th Baron Scales)</b> Succeeded his brother Robert in 1420. His daughter Elizabeth was married to Anthony Woodville, Earl Rivers, who was brother of Catherine, wife of Edward IV.	1399	1460 murdered by London boatmen	43/56	61
<b>James Fiennes, Lord Say (and Sele)</b> His grandfather married Joan, heiress of Geoffrey, 2nd Baron Say. Son of Sir William de Fiennes and Elizabeth Batisford.	1395	July 1450 hung, drawn, quartered, and beheaded by Jack Cade	47/dead	55
<b>Sir Humphrey Stafford</b> Descended from one of William the Conqueror's favorite captains. Married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Thomas Aylesbury of Blatherwick. Their son was also beheaded, by HVII.	1400	1450 Slain by rebels under Jack Cade	42/dead	
<b>Sir John Stanley</b> Custodian of Eleanor Cobham, Duchess of Gloucester.		1459		
<b>Sir William Vaux</b> Of Harrowden. Attainted by Edward IV, but when Henry VII was crowned, Nicholas Vaux (his son) had restitution.		May 14, 1471 Slain at the Battle of Tewkesbury		
<b>Matthew Goffe or Gough</b> Third son of John Gough of Wales				
<b>Alexander Iden</b> A gentleman of Kent				
<b>Jack Cade</b> Rebel leader from Kent				
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Sir Walter Blount, 1.i.16</b>	1350	1403	dead	53
<b>Sir John Blount, 1.i.16, 4.iii.81</b> Older son of Sir Walter.	1388	1418 siege of Rouen	dead	30

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## Dramatis Personae:

*King Henry the Sixth*  
*Queen Margaret*  
*Lady Grey, afterwards Queen to Edward the Fourth*  
*Bona, sister to the French King*  
*Edward, Prince of Wales, his son*  
*Lewis the Eleventh, King of France*  
*Duke of Somerset*  
*Duke of Exeter*  
*Earl of Oxford*  
*Earl of Northumberland*  
*Earl of Westmoreland*  
*Lord Clifford*  
*Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York*  
*Edward, Earl of March, afterwards King Edward the Fourth*  
*Edmund, Earl of Rutland*  
*George, Duke of Clarence*  
*Richard, Duke of Gloucester*  
*Duke of Norfolk*  
*Marquess of Montague*  
*Earl of Warwick*  
*Earl of Pembroke*  
*Lord Hastings*  
*Lord Stafford*  
*Sir John Mortimer*  
*Sir Hugh Mortimer*  
*Henry, Earl of Richmond*  
*Earl Rivers*  
*Sir William Stanley*  
*Sir John Montgomery*  
*Sir John Somerville*  
*Tutor to Rutland*  
*Mayor of York*  
*Lieutenant of the Tower*  
*A Nobleman*  
*Two Keepers*  
*A Huntsman*  
*A Son, who has killed his father*  
*A Father, who has killed his son*  
*Soldiers and other Attendants,*  
*Messengers, Watchmen*



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<p><b>King Henry VI, Duke of Lancaster</b>            Only son of Henry V; his father died when Henry VI was 9 months old. Married the French <b>Margaret of Anjou</b> (1430–1482) when she was 15 years old. Their only son <b>Edward</b> was killed at Tewkesbury when 19 years old, one day before Henry VI was murdered. Henry “went insane” in 1453; recovered in 1455.</p>	1421	1471 murdered in the Tower of London after the defeat at Tewkesbury	39/50	50
<p><b>Edward, Prince of Wales, their son</b>            Killed at Tewkesbury. Married to Anne Neville, daughter of Ralph Neville Earl of Warwick (Kingmaker). Anne’s second husband was Richard III.</p>	Oct 1453	May 1471 murdered at Tewkesbury	7/19	19
<p><b>(Henry &amp;) Edmund Beaufort, (3rd)4th Dukes of Somerset</b>            Henry and Edmund were the last of the Beauforts, the hope of the Lancastrian party. Henry’s attainder was never reversed, so Edmund wasn’t really the 4th Duke.            In 4.i, the playwright is probably referring to the older brother, Henry, who was in Edward’s favor at the time.</p>	1438	1471 Tewkesbury, beheaded	22/33	33
<p><b>Henry Holland, 2nd Duke of Exeter</b>            Son of John Holland, Earl of Huntingdon mentioned in HV. Joined with his dad as Constable of the Tower in 1446. Married Anne Plantagenet (daughter of York), sister of EdIV, but remained faithful to HVI. Attainted by EdIV.</p>	1430	1475 supposedly thrown overboard when returning from France	30/41	45
<p><b>John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford</b>            Married first to Margaret Neville (1C5R), so he was brother-in-law to Richard and John Neville. Lancastrian. His father John and elder brother Aubrey were executed in 1462. His son died in the Tower while he was exiled; succession went to his nephew.</p>	1442	1513	18/29 32 when ransomed	71
<p><b>Henry Percy, 3rd Earl of Northumberland</b>            Grandson of Hotspur.</p>	1421	March 1461 Slain at the Battle of Towton	39/--	40
<p><b>Ralph Neville, 2nd Earl of Westmorland</b>            Grandson of the 1st Earl in 1HIV. First cousin to Richard and John Neville. Lancastrian, but left partisanship to his brothers.</p>	1406	1484	54/65	78
<p><b>Richard Plantagenet, 3rd Duke of York</b>            Only son of Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge, and Anne Mortimer. He married Cecily Neville, daughter of the 1st Earl of Westmorland. Father of King Edward IV, King Richard III, George the unfortunate Duke of Clarence. His 12-year-old son Edmund was slain at Wakefield.</p>	1411	1460 Slain at Wakefield; beheaded, his head crowned with paper crown and set upon the walls of York, along with Salisbury’s.	49/--	49
<p><b>Edward Plantagenet, Earl of March, Duke of York, afterwards King Edward IV</b>            Eldest son of Richard Duke of York.</p>	1442	1483 Supposedly died of mortification.	18/29	41

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<b>Edmund Plantagenet, Earl of Rutland</b> Edward IV's first surviving brother. In the play he appears to be quite young (12), but he was actually 17 years old.	1443	1460 Slain by Lord Clifford at Wakefield.	17/--	17
<b>George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence</b> Edward IV's second brother. Married Isabella, daughter of Richard Earl of Warwick. Kingmaker. He was charged with seeking the death of the King (his brother) by necromancy.	1449 Oct	1478 Feb Secretly executed at the Tower in 1478; supposedly drowned in a butt of malmsey.	11/22	28
<b>Richard Plantagenet, Duke of Gloucester</b> Edward IV's third brother. Afterwards <b>Richard III.</b>	Oct 1452	Aug 1485 Slain at the Battle of Bosworth	8/19	33
<b>Elizabeth Woodville, Lady Grey,</b> afterwards <b>Queen to Edward IV</b>				
<b>John Mowbray, 3rd Duke of Norfolk</b> Grandson of the Duke of Norfolk in <i>Richard II.</i>	1415	1461	45/--	46
<b>Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick (and Earl of Salisbury)</b> <b>Kingmaker.</b> Married Anne, sole daughter and heiress of Richard Beauchamp Earl of Warwick. His youngest daughter Anne was betrothed to Prince Edward, son of Margaret and HVI.	1428	April 1471 Slain at the Battle of Barnet with his brother	32/43	43
<b>John Neville, Marquess of Montague</b> Kingmaker's brother; nephew and supporter of Richard Duke of York.	1431	1471 Slain at the Battle of Barnet with his brother	29/40	40
<b>William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke</b> (non-speaking) First earl of the Herbert creation. Yorkist. Marched against Lancastrian rebels with his Welshmen; was defeated, captured, executed.	1423	1469 executed by HVI/ Warwick along with his brother Robert	37/--	46
<b>William Lord Hastings</b> Brother-in-law to Richard and John Neville. Yorkist. "He is better known through Shakespeare than through history."	1430	1483 beheaded by Gloucester without a trial	30/41	53
<b>Humphrey Lord Stafford</b> (non-speaking part) Yorkist. Sent to oppose Robin of Redesdale, but quarrelled with Wm. Herbert 1st Earl of Pembroke, and Pembroke was defeated. Arrested and executed by Edward IV.	1439	1469 executed at Bridgewater	21/--	30
<b>John Lord Clifford</b> "Young Clifford" from <i>part 2.</i> Called "The Butcher" after murdering young Lord Rutland at the Battle of Wakefield. Cut off Richard Duke of York's head and presented it to Margaret with a paper crown.	1435	1461 slain on the eve of the Battle of Towton	25/--	26
<b>Sir John Mortimer</b> Supposedly an uncle to Richard Duke of York, brother to Sir Hugh.		1460 Slain at Wakefield		
<b>Sir Hugh Mortimer</b> (non-speaking part) Supposedly an uncle to Richard Duke of York, brother to Sir John.		1460 Slain at Wakefield		

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Reigned 1422–1461; 1470–1471. Play opens in 1460 (battles of second St. Albans and Wakefield); closes in 1471 (death of H6 and Yorkist victory at Tewkesbury), although it includes capture of Oxford in 1474 and ransom of Margaret in 1475. *Written about 1589.*

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<b>Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond</b> (non-speaking part) Future <b>Henry VII</b> . Son of Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond (who died two months before Henry was born), by Margaret Beaufort (13 years old). Grandson of Owen Tudor by Katherine, widow of Henry V.	1457 Pembroke Castle	1509	3/14	52
<b>Anthony Woodville, 2nd Earl Rivers + Lord Scales</b> Brother to Queen Elizabeth Woodville. Author of the first book printed in England.	1442	1483 beheaded by RIII with no trial	18/29	41
<b>William Neville, Lord Falconbridge (and Earl of Kent)</b> 2nd son of Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmorland by 2nd wife Joan Beaufort. He's younger brother to Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury in 2HVI. Married Joan, heiress of the last Baron Falconbridge.	1406?	1463	54/--	57
<b>Sir Thomas Stanley, 1st Earl of Derby/Lord Stanley</b> (non-speaking part) He was married first to Eleanor Neville, sister of Warwick. 2nd wife was Margaret Beaufort, widow of Edmund Tudor, thus step-father to Henry VII. Brother to William who later joined Perkin Warbeck.  Thomson says this character is the brother, Sir William Stanley (bro is referred to in 3HVI). Wm was beheaded on Tower Hill in 1495.	1435	1504	25/36	69
<b>Sir John Montgomery</b> This is really Sir Thomas Montgomery, his brother, per Holinshed. 1460–1495? dates can't be correct.	≈1440	1495	20/31	55
<b>Thomas Beverley, Mayor of York</b>				
<b>Lieutenant of the Tower</b> <i>Either John Tiptoft, "The Butcher of England" . . .</i>	1427	1471 executed in the Tower	33/44	44
<b>Lieutenant of the Tower</b> Or John Sutton, 6th Baron Dudley	1401	1487	59/70	86
<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Wiltshire (no relation to the one in RII)</b> 1.i.14 James Butler, 5th Earl of Ormonde and Earl of Wiltshire; married to a Beaufort. Wounded at St. Albans.	1420	1461 taken at Towton and beheaded at Newcastle	40/dead	41
<b>Lord Clifford</b> 1.i.7 Father of Lord Clifford.			dead	
<b>Henry/Humphrey Stafford, Lord Stafford</b> 1.i.7 Son of the 1st Duke of Buckingham.	1424	1455 died of wounds received at first Battle of St. Albans	dead	31
<b>Roger Mortimer, 4th Earl of March</b> 1.i.106 Referred to in the play as Richard Duke of York's grandfather.	1374	1398	dead	24
<b>Edmund/Edward Brooke Lord Cobham of Kent</b> 1.ii.40	1412	1464	48/dead	52

# RICHARD 3

Reigned 1483–1485; play opens in 1471 (death of H6); closes in 1485 (Battle of Bosworth).

## Dramatis Personae:

*Elizabeth, Queen of King Edward the Fourth*  
*Margaret, widow of King Henry the Sixth*  
*Duchess of York*  
*Lady Anne*  
*Margaret Plantagenet*  
  
*King Edward the Fourth*  
*Edward, Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward the Fifth*  
*Richard, Duke of York*  
*George, Duke of Clarence*  
*Richard, Duke of Gloucester, afterwards King Richard the Third*  
*A Young Son of Clarence*  
*Henry, Earl of Richmond, afterwards King Henry the Seventh*  
*Cardinal Bourchier*  
*Thomas Rotherham, Archbishop of York*  
*John Morton*  
*Duke of Buckingham*  
*Duke of Norfolk*  
*Earl of Surrey*  
*Earl Rivers*  
*Marquess of Dorset*  
*Lord Grey*  
*Earl of Oxford*  
*Lord Hastings*  
*Lord Stanley, Earl of Derby*  
*Lord Lovel*  
*Sir Thomas Vaughan*  
*Sir Richard Ratcliff*  
*Sir William Catesby*  
*Sir James Tyrell*  
*Sir James Blunt*  
*Sir Walther Herbert*  
*Sir Robert Brakenbury*  
*Christopher Urswick, a priest*  
*Another Priest*  
*Tressel and Berkeley*  
*Lord Mayor of London*  
*Sheriff of Wiltshire*  
  
*Lords and other Attendants*  
*A Pursuivant, Scrivener, Citizens*  
*Murderers, Messengers, Soldiers*  
*Ghosts of Richard III's victims*

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Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>Queen Margaret of Anjou (married. Henry VI in 1455)</b> Widow of HVI. Their son Edward died one day before his father's execution. She personally coordinated the Lancastrian armies, often leading them herself. Was hated in England; considered the best asset the Yorkists had. She killed Richard of York at Tewksbury.	1430	1482	41/--	52
<b>Cecily Neville, Duchess of York</b> Mother of Edward IV, Richard III, George Duke of Clarence, Edmund of Rutland (dead). Pious and refined widow to the previous Richard Duke of York (not in this play).	1415	1495	56/70	80
<b>King Edward IV</b> Brother of George and Richard, father of the two young princes Edward and Richard, and husband to Elizabeth. He is close to his deathbed as the play begins.	1442	1483	29/--	41
<b>Queen Elizabeth Woodville Grey</b> Daughter of Earl Rivers, brother to Anthony Rivers. Her daughter Elizabeth, who will be married to Henry VII, is 16 at the time of the play.	1431	1492	40/54	61
<b>Edward, Prince of Wales; after King Edward V</b> Oldest son of EdIV. He is one of the "princes in the Tower," although as soon as his father dies he is technically king.	Nov 1479	Sep 1483	1/--	12
<b>Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York</b> Younger son of EdIV. Betrothed at age 4 to Anne Mowbray, aged 3 (she was daughter of John Mowbray, 4th Duke of Norfolk); they married when both were 6 years old. He is the younger of the "princes in the Tower."	Aug 1473	Sep 1483	--/died	9
<b>Richard, Duke of Gloucester; afterwards Richard III</b> Brother to EdIV and Clarence. His standard was the boar's head. He really wasn't this bad guy.	Oct 1452	Aug 1485 Battle of Bosworth	19/33	33
<b>George, Duke of Clarence</b> Older brother to RIII. Married Warwick's oldest daughter, Isabella. Charged with seeking the death of the King by necromancy. Secretly murdered in the Tower on orders of RIII (rumor of drowning in a butt of malmsey; a butt is two hogsheads, or 126-gallon cask).	Oct 1449	1478	22/--	28
<b>Margaret Plantagenet, Countess of Salisbury</b> (in her own right). She is the "Girl" in the play. Married Sir Richard Pole. She was the last of the Plantagenets, 2nd daughter of George Duke of Clarence. Eventually became the sole heiress of her grandpa, Earl of Warwick, the Kingmaker. Her son Reginald, Cardinal Pole, offended Henry VIII with his book. Henry VIII executed her other sons Henry and Geoffrey (one was Lord Montacute). She was later executed at the Tower; they had to chase her around the platform to get her head off. [Thomson, p. 76]	1473	1541	2/12	68
<b>Edward Plantagenet, Earl of Warwick ("Boy")</b> A young son of George, Duke of Clarence, bro of Margaret. Confined all of his life because of his claim to the throne.	1475	1499 executed on false charges	--/10	24
<b>Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond; after Henry VII</b> Lancastrian; slays Richard III at Bosworth. Son of Margaret Beaufort and Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond. Becomes the first Tudor king. 28 at Battle of Bosworth. Stanley/Derby is his stepfather.	1457 at Pembroke Castle	1509	14/28	52

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Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>Lady Anne Neville</b> Youngest daughter of Richard Neville, Kingmaker, Earl of Warwick. Her first husband Edward, Prince of Wales (son of Henry VI and Margaret), was killed at the Battle of Tewksbury, 19 years old. Their marriage was never consummated, his mother's wish, so it could be annulled if necessary.	1456	1485	15/28	28
<b>Cardinal Thomas Bourchier</b> 56th Archbishop of Canterbury. 3rd son of William Bourchier, Earl of Ewe, and Anne Plantagenet, daughter of Thomas of Woodstock.				
<b>Thomas Scott Rotherham, Archbishop of York</b>	1423	1500	48/62	77
<b>John Morton, Lord of Ely</b> Bishop of Ely in 1479.			60+	
<b>Henry Stafford, 2nd Duke of Buckingham</b> Reared by Edward IV to be a firm Yorkist, although his father and grandfather were Lancastrians. Married to Catherine Woodville in 1466. Grandpa: Humphrey, 1st Duke of Buckingham; died 1460 (2HVI). Dad: Humphrey, Earl of Stafford; died 1455 in the first Battle of St. Albans.	1455	2 Nov 1483 executed by RIII when 29 years old.	17/29	29
<b>John Howard, Duke of Norfolk</b> The first Howard to bear this title (created by RIII). His grandfather was Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk in RII (his mother was Katherine/Margaret, Mowbray's daughter).	1425?	1485 slain at Bosworth fighting for RIII	46/60	60
<b>Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey (+2nd Duke of Norfolk)</b> Only son of John Howard, Duke of Norfolk (above). This person is a combo of two Norfolks and two Surreys; see Thomson, p. 221.	1443	1524	28/39	81
<b>Anthony Woodville, 2nd Earl Rivers</b> Brother to Queen Elizabeth Woodville. RIII cut off his head at Pomfret with no trial, after supposedly framing him. Prolific writer; produced some of the first manuscripts in England. Author of the first book printed on English soil, 1477, a translation from French of the <i>Dictes and Sayings of the Philosophers</i> , printed by Caxton at Westminster.	1442	1483 beheaded by RIII with no trial	29/dead in 1483	41
<b>Sir Thomas Grey, 1st Marquess of Dorset</b> Son to Queen Elizabeth Woodville by her first husband, Lord Richard Grey (mistake for Sir John Grey, 8th Baron Ferrers of Groby). RIII cut off his head. He was GGfather of Lady Jane Grey by his wife Cecily Bonville.	1451	1501 beheaded by RIII	20/34	50
<b>John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford</b> His father, the 12th Earl of Oxford, the Lancastrian leader of 3Henry VI, was beheaded in 1462, along with his oldest son, Aubrey. This John de Vere of Castle Hedringham, Essex is cousin to the Duke of Norfolk (above). First wife: Margaret Neville, daughter of the Earl of Salisbury. Their only son John died a prisoner in the Tower during his father's exile. Titles went to a nephew.	1442	1513	29/43	71
<b>William Lord Hastings</b> Governor of Calais. Married to Katherine Neville. RIII cut off his head without a trial.	1430	1483 beheaded without a trial	41/--dead in 1483	53

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<b>Sir Thomas Stanley, Earl of Derby</b> First married Eleanor Neville, daughter of Richard Neville, sister to Richard, Earl of Warwick (Kingmaker). Yorkist. Married 2nd, Margaret Beaufort, widowed mother of Henry Tudor, Earl of Richmond (Henry VII), thus he is the stepfather of Henry VII, and uncle to Anne. His brother, William Stanley, is in 3HVI with no lines; altho Asimov says just the opposite.	1435	1504	36/50	69
<b>Sir Thomas Vaughan</b> Personal counselor to the boy-King, Edward V		1483 beheaded for loyalty to EdIV		
<b>Francis 12th Lord Lovel</b> Son of Sir John Lovel, 8th Baron Lovel of Tichmarsh. Favorite of RIII. Fled to the continent after Bosworth.	1454	1487 probably killed at the Battle of Stoke	17/31	33
<b>Sir Richard Radcliffe</b> Son of Sir Thomas Radcliffe. He is the "rat" of "The Cat, the Rat, and Lovell our dog, Rule all England under a hog."		1485 slain at Bosworth		
<b>Sir William Catesby</b> He was not really "Sir," just an esquire. Son of Sir William Catesby. Married Margaret Zouche, daughter of William Lord Zouche. He is the "cat."	1440	1485 beheaded three days after Bosworth	31/45	45
<b>Sir James Tyrell (Yorkist)</b> Oldest son of William Tyrell of Gipping, Suffolk. Beheaded in 1502.		1502		
<b>Sir James Blount</b> 3rd son of Sir Walter Blount, 1st Baron Montjoy. GGrandson of Sir Walter Blunt, 1HIV.	1445?	1493 unmarried	26?/40	48?
<b>Sir Walter Herbert</b> Son of William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke (see 3HVI) who was executed by the Lancastrians, but Walter fights for the Yorkists and Richard III.	1440	1507	31/45	67
<b>Sir William Brandon</b> 5.iii.22				
<b>Sir Robert Brakenbury</b> Keeper (Lieutenant) of the Tower and Sheriff; served under Henry Stafford, 2nd Duke of Buckingham				
<b>Sir Christopher Urswick, priest</b> Margaret Beaufort's personal agent and messenger.				
<b>Tressel</b> Any relation to Elizabeth Trussell of Kibblestone?				
<b>Berkeley</b> Not clear which gentleman is meant				
<b>Henry Long of Wrexall, Sheriff of Wiltshire</b> Led forth the Duke of Buckingham to execution.		1490		
<b>Sir Edmund Shaw, Lord Mayor of London</b>				

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<b>Mentioned:</b>				
<b>Lord Richard Grey, 8th Baron Ferrers of Groby</b> (Error for Sir John Grey, first husband of Queen Elizabeth Woodville.) Killed in battle.	1456	1483		
<b>George Stanley</b> Oldest son of Thomas Lord Stanley, later Earl of Derby, and Eleanor Neville.				
<b>The Guildfords</b> Sir John Guildford and his son, Sir Richard Guildford. Richard died in 1506 in Jerusalem while on a pilgrimage. His second wife was Joan Vaux, sister of Sir Nicholas Vaux.				
<b>Sir Edward Courtenay</b> 4.iv.500 Cousin (not brother) of the Bishop of Exeter.		1509		
<b>Bishop of Exeter</b> 4.iv.500 Peter Courtenay, 3rd son of Philip Courtenay of Powderham. "Elder brother" to Sir Edward Courtenay (but he is really a cousin).		1492		
<b>Sir Gilbert Talbot</b> 5.i.13-15 3rd son of John Talbot, 2nd Earl of Shrewsbury, and Elizabeth, daughter of James Butler, 4th Earl of Ormonde.	1452	1517	19/33	65
<b>Sir William Stanley</b> 5.i.13-15 Brother to Thomas. 2nd son of Thomas 1st Baron Stanley. It was his band of 3,000 tall men of Cheshire that turned the tide against RIII.	1435	1495 executed for treason with Perkin Warbeck		
<b>Earl of Pembroke</b> 5.iii.22 "Redoubted Pembroke" 5.i.13–15 is Jasper Tudor, second son of Owen Tudor. Thus he is Richmond's uncle. He married Katherine Woodville, sister of the Queen, daughter of Richard Earl Rivers. She was Buckingham's widow.	1431	1495		
<b>Rhys ap Thomas</b> 5.i.13-15 Native of southwest Wales, Carmarthen. Was only a knight, but treated and thought of as a prince in his home area. Told RIII Richmond would enter Wales over his dead body, so when he switched sides, he allowed Richmond to step over his body.	1449	1525	22/36	76
<b>Lord Northumberland</b> 5.iii.69 "Melancholy Lord Northumberland" Henry Percy, 4th Earl of Northumberland. He is the son of Henry Percy, 3rd Earl.	1446	1489 killed in a riot led by John à Chambre.	25/39	43
<b>Lord Northumberland</b> 1.iii.187 "Northumberland, then present, wept to see it." This is Henry Percy, 3rd Earl of Northumberland, grandson of Hotspur. He was in 3HVI.	1421	March 1461 Slain at the Battle of Towton	39/--	40
<b>Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers</b> 5.v.13 Also from southwest Wales, Carmarthen. Married Anne, daughter of William 7th Lord Ferrers of Chartley.	1432	1485 at Bosworth	39/53	53



# HENRY 8

Reigned 1509–1547; play opens in 1520; closes in 1533.  
Written about 1612 or 1613.

## Dramatis Personae:

*King Henry the Eighth*  
*Cardinal Wolsey*  
*Cardinal Campeius*  
*Capucius*  
*Cranmer*  
*Duke of Norfolk*  
*Duke of Suffolk*  
*Duke of Buckingham*  
*Earl of Surrey*  
*Lord Chamberlain*  
*Lord Chancellor*  
*Gardiner*  
*Bishop of Lincoln*  
*Lord Abergavenny*  
*Lord Sandys*  
*Sir Henry Guilford*  
*Sir Thomas Lovell*  
*Sir Anthony Denny*  
*Sir Nicholas Vaux*  
*Cromwell*  
*Secretaries to Wolsey*  
*Griffith*  
*Three Gentlemen*  
*Garter King-at-Arms*  
*Doctor Butts*  
*Surveyor to the Duke of Buckingham*  
*Brandon*  
*Door-keeper of the Council-chamber*  
*Porter and his man*  
*Page to Gardiner*  
*A Crier*  
*Queen Katherine*  
*Anne Bullen*  
*An Old Lady*  
*Patience*  
*Lords and Ladies in the Dumb-shows*  
*Women attending the Queen*  
*Scribes, Officers, Guards, other Attendants*  
*Spirits*

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Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>King Henry VIII</b> His older brother Arthur married Catherine of Aragon and six months later died of the sweating sickness at Ludlow, at age 16; Henry was 10 years old. Henry was betrothed to Catherine (who was 16) two months later, but because of political turmoil in Spain, they didn't marry until Henry VII died. Henry was 18 when they married; Catherine was 24.	June 1491	January 1547	29/42	56
<b>Queen Catharine of Aragon</b> Youngest daughter of Ferdinand and Isabel. Her nephew is Charles V, emperor of Germany, Spain, and Italy. She gave birth to five children, but only Mary survived. Catherine never saw Henry again after 1531.	1485	January 7, 1536	35/48	51
<b>Anne Boleyn</b> Niece (granddaughter?) of the Duke of Norfolk, Thomas Howard. Mother of Queen Elizabeth I.	between 1502–1507	May 19, 1536 beheaded with a sword	28-34/ 26-31	29-34
<b>Cardinal Wolsey</b> Son of a butcher. Rose to great prominence then fell to the noblemen and was accused of treason. He died on the way to the Tower.	1465	1530 died on his way to the Tower	55/--	65
<b>Cardinal Campeius</b> Born Lorenzo Compeggio. An emissary from the Pope.	1461	1539	59/72	78 died in Rome
<b>Eustachius Capucius</b> Spanish ambassador from Emperor Charles V, the Queen's nephew.				
<b>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury</b> He pronounced the marriage of Henry and Catherine null and void, and married Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn. Queen Mary forced him to recant Protestantism, which he did, but he later recanted that and said the Pope was the antiChrist.	1489	1556 burned at the stake by Queen Mary	31/44	67
<b>Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk</b> Became Duke at age 70 after winning the battle at Flodden Field against the Scots and James IV.	1443	May 1524	77/--	81
<b>Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey</b> Oldest son of Duke of Norfolk. Also son-in-law of Buckingham and uncle to Anne Boleyn. His son was beheaded by Henry, and his own self was about to be beheaded but Henry VIII died the day before his execution (1547).	1473	1554	47/60	81
<b>Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk</b> Son of Sir Wm. Brandon who fell at Bosworth protecting Henry VII. Handsomest man of the age. Henry VIII's best friend. Married Henry's little sister, Mary.	1483	1545	37/50	62
<b>Edward Stafford, 3rd Duke of Buckingham</b> Eldest son of the Buckingham in Richard III. He is father-in-law to Surrey and Abergavenny.	1478	1521 beheaded by HVIII on Tower Hill	42/--	43
<b>Charles Somerset, Lord Chamberlain</b> Married to Elizabeth, daughter of William Herbert, 2nd Earl of Pembroke (1st creation).	1460	1527	60/--	67
<b>Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor</b> During the time period of the play, the Lord Chancellor was More, Sir Thomas Audley (at the time of Anne Boleyn's coronation), and Sir Thomas Wriothesly.				

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Name and title	Birth date	Death date	Age in play	Age at death
<b>Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester</b>	1483	1555 died of gout	37/50	72
<b>John Longland, Bishop of Lincoln</b> Confessor to Henry VIII. He was the first to suggest divorce.	1476	1547	44/57	71
<b>George Neville, Lord Abergavenny</b> Oldest son of George, 2nd Baron Abergavenny. Grandson of Edward Neville, sixth and youngest son of 1st Earl of Westmorland. His 3rd wife is Mary Stafford, daughter of the Duke of Buckingham in this play.	1471	1535	49/62	64
<b>Lord Sandys, Sir William Sandys</b> 1st Baron Sandys of the Vine	1472	1540	48/61	68
<b>Sir Henry Guildford</b> Son of Sir Richard Guildford and his second wife, Joan Vaux. Thus Henry is the nephew of Sir Nicholas Vaux.	1478	1532	42/--	54
<b>Sir Thomas Lovel</b> Fifth son of Sir Ralph Lovel.	1460?	1524	60/--	64
<b>Sir Anthony Denny</b> Son of Sir Edmund Denny. Anthony was a friend of Henry VIII's from youth.	1500	1549	20/33	49
<b>Sir Nicholas Vaux</b> Uncle to Guildford. Son and heir to the Vaux in 2HVI. Married Anne Green. Suspected in the intended treason of Buckingham, but not charged.		1523		
<b>Thomas Cromwell</b> Son of a blacksmith. It was his idea to break with Rome and that Henry be head of the Church of England. He also instigated the dissolution of the monasteries. Driven from home by misconduct in his early manhood. Henry didn't like Cromwell's choice of a bride for him, Anne of Cleves, and so he smit off Cromwell's head.	1485	1540 beheaded by Henry	35/48	
<b>Griffith</b> Queen Katherine's gentleman usher.				
<b>Doctor William Butts</b> Principal physician to Henry VIII.	1495	1545	25/38	50