

RICHARD 2

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Dramatis Personae:

King Richard the Second
Isabella, Queen to King Richard
John of Gaunt, 1st Duke of Lancaster
Edmund of Langley, 1st 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, 3rd Earl of Salisbury
Thomas Lord Berkeley, 5th Baron Berkeley

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

Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland
Henry Percy, called Hotspur, son of Northumberland
William Lord Ross, 7th Baron Ross of Hamlake
William Lord Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Ersby
Walter Lord Fitzwater, 5th 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:

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King Richard II 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
Queen Isabella 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
John of Gaunt 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
Eleanor de Bohun, Duchess of Gloucester 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.)				
Edmund of Langley, 1st Duke of York 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
Duchess of York 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.				
Edward of Norwich, Duke of Aumerle 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
Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford Son of John of Gaunt; cousin to Richard II. Usurped Richard II and became Henry IV.	1366	1413	32/34	47
Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk He was also Earl of Nottingham.	1366	Sep 1399	32	33 plague in Venice
Thomas Holland, Duke of Surrey Eldest son of Thomas Holland 2nd Earl of Kent and Alice FitzAlan.	1374	1400 beheaded	23/25	24
John Montacute, 3rd Earl of Salisbury 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
Thomas Lord Berkeley 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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Sir John Bushy (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		
Sir William (or John) Bagot 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		
Henry Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland Elder son of Henry, 3rd Baron Percy of Alnwick. Rival is Ralph Neville. Married to Margaret Neville.	1342	1408	56/58	66
Henry Percy, called Hotspur Son of the 1st Earl of Northumberland. Married to Elizabeth Mortimer.	1364	23 Jul 1403 killed at Shrewsbury	34/36	39
William Lord Ross 7th Baron Ross of Hamlake, Yorkshire. Married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Arundel.		1414		
William Lord Willoughby, 5th Baron Willoughby de Eresby "His ancestor had been a Norman knight, rewarded by the Conqueror with the lordship of Willoughby, County Lincoln." Thomson p. 306.		1409		
Walter Lord Fitzwater, 5th Baron Fitzwater He was the first to throw down his gage to Aumerle. Married Joan Devereux.	1368	1407	30/32	39
Thomas Marke, Bishop of Carlisle Benedictine monk of Westminster.	1409			
William de Colchester, Abbot of Westminster		1420		
Thomas Holland, Lord Marshal Duke of Surrey and Earl of Kent. Oldest son of Thomas Holland, 2nd Earl of Kent.	1374	1400 beheaded by mob	23/25	25
Sir Stephen Scroop (Scrope) 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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Thomas of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester 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
Owen Glendower 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
Sir Thomas Blunt/Blount of Belton 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."				
Sir Bennet Seely (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				
Sir John Norberry 2.i.284 One of Bolingbroke's companions. His family seat was Stoke d'Abernon in Surrey.				
Reginald, 2nd Lord Cobham Companion of Bolingbroke on his return from exile.				
Francis Quoint or Point Companion of Bolingbroke on his return from exile.				