

The Late Middle Ages and the Tudors

- 1399-1413** Reign of King Henry IV
- 1400** Richard II is possibly poisoned at Pontefract Castle
- 1400** Welsh rebel against the English under Owen Glendower
- 1402** The Scots invade England and are defeated at Battle of Homildon
- 1406-1437** Reign of James I King of Scotland
- 1413-1422** Reign of King Henry V
- 1415** English defeat the French at Agincourt
- 1420** Henry V marries Catherine of France
- 1422-1461** Reign of King Henry VI
- 1424** After 18 years in captivity by the English James I crowned King of Scotland
- c.1430** Chain mail begins to be replaced by plate armour
- c.1430** Modern English starts to supersede Middle English.
- 1437-1460** Reign of James II King of Scotland
- 1453** The English defeated at Chatillon marking the end of the Hundred Years' War. English holdings in France reduced to just Calais
- 1455** The Wars of The Roses begin
- 1460-1488** Reign of James III King of Scotland
- 1461-1483** Reign of King Edward IV
- 1461** Gunpowder is made in England
- 1470** King Henry VI restored to the throne but dies in the following year
- 1483** King Edward V, aged thirteen on his ascension is never crowned. He and his brother murdered in -The Tower by Richard III
- 1483-1485** Reign of King Richard III
- 1485** Richard killed at Battle of Bosworth by Henry Tudor
- 1485-1509** King Henry VII
- 1488-1513** Reign of James IV King of Scotland
- 1497** The usurper Perkin Warbeck is killed
- c. 1506** Leonardi Da Vinci, the true Renaissance Man, paints the Mona Lisa
- 1509-1547** Reign of King Henry VIII
- 1513** English defeat the Scots at Flodden Field; James IV is killed
- 1513-1542** Reign of James V King of Scotland
- 1529** The Pope refuses to annul Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon
- 1533** Henry marries Ann Boleyn and as a result is excommunicated by the Pope
- 1534** Henry VIII breaks with Rome
- 1536** England and Wales brought together in an Act of Union
- 1536** Henry crushes the rebellious 'Pilgrimage of Grace' in the north of England
- 1542** The Scots defeated by England at Solway Moss
- 1542-1567** Reign of Mary, Queen of Scots
- 1547-1553** Reign of King Edward VI
- 1547** The -Scots defeated at Pinkie Cleuch
- 1550** English troops withdrawn from Scotland
- 1553-1558** Mary Tudor, a Roman Catholic, becomes Mary I, Roman Catholic bishops are restored
- 1554** Sir Thomas Wyatt leads an unsuccessful Protestant rebellion in Kent
- 1554** Mary marries Philip II of Spain
- 1555** Protestants persecuted and Sir Thomas Cranmer is burnt
- 1558-1603** Reign of Queen Elizabeth I
- 1563** Bubonic plague beaks out in London and around a quarter of the population die
- 1567** Mary, Queen of Scots is defeated and imprisoned
- 1567-1603** Reign of James VI King of Scotland
- 1587** Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, is executed
- 1588** Spanish Armada attempts an invasion of England

The Wars of The Roses

Both the houses of Lancaster and York claimed the right to the thrown through their descent from the sons of Edward III

The opening flourish of the war occurred when Richard of York attempted to remove Somerset, a favourite of Henry VI, and his Lancastrian army. York is cut off at Ludlow on the Welsh borders. In actual fact the idea of the Wars of the Roses being one long campaign is misleading. It was actually a series of battles.