



**Richard Duke of Gloucester** (Lord Protector, Richard III): usurps the throne and kills his 2 heir-apparent child nephews.

**Henry VI**: Parliament by law entails the crown away from his descendants to those of Richard Duke of York (1).

**Richard Duke of York (1)**: father to Richard III, Edward IV, and George Duke of Clarence; initially seeks the crown by legal entailment and wins it over from Henry VI but is slain in battle before he is crowned.

**George Duke of Clarence**: son to Richard Duke of York (1); brother to Edward IV and Richard III; accused of treason and drowned in a barrel of wine.

**Edward IV**: takes the throne after Henry VI is slain; king at the beginning of the *History*; brother to Richard III; father to the two young nephews killed by Richard III (Edward V, and Richard Duke of York [2]); unsuccessfully attempts to reconcile factious nobles.

**Elizabeth Grey**: first a widow of noble blood, then queen to Edward IV; seeks sanctuary but gives her son Richard Duke of York (2) over to Richard III.

**Edward V**: son to Edward IV and Queen Elizabeth; king at 13 years old upon the death of Edward IV; killed by Richard III.

**Richard Duke of York (2)**: son to Edward IV and Queen Elizabeth; taken at age 11 with Queen Elizabeth into sanctuary but given over to Richard III; killed by Richard III.

**Lord Rivers** (Sir Anthony Woodville): brother to Queen Elizabeth; duped by Richard while accompanying the young king to London; executed by Richard without due process of law.

**Thomas Vaughn**: relative to Queen Elizabeth; duped by Richard while accompanying the young king to London; executed by Richard without due process of law.

**Thomas Grey** (Lord Marquis Dorset): son to Queen Elizabeth, Edward V's older half-brother; duped by Richard while accompanying the young king to London; executed by Richard without due process of law.

**Duke of Buckingham**: Richard's primary accomplice; makes a legal argument for taking young Richard Duke of York out of sanctuary by force; attempts to convince the London citizens at the Guildhall to accept Richard III as their king; conspires against Richard III after he is crowned king.

**Lord Hastings** (Lord Chamberlain): Chamberlain to Edward IV; friend and initial accomplice to Richard III; accused by Richard of treason and executed without due process of law (despite being warned by his friend, **Lord Stanley**).

**William Catesby**: "friend" indebted to Hastings; betrays Hastings to Richard III.

**Jane Shore** ("Shore's Wife"): mistress to Edward IV; accused by Richard III of bewitching his arm with Queen Elizabeth; advocates for many men in court but is friendless in old age; forced by Richard to perform public penance.

**Dame Elizabeth Lucy**: woman impregnated by Edward IV prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Grey; Edward IV's mother alleges that the two are legally married; Richard later alleges that they were legally married and that, therefore, young Edward V and Richard Duke of York (2) are bastards, thus making Richard heir to the throne.

**Doctor John Shaa**: delivers a sermon at Richard III's behest alleging the bastardy of his two nephews, and of Edward IV.

**Sir James Tyrell**: murders the young Edward V and Richard Duke of York (2) at Richard III's behest.

**Cardinal Morton**: in the service of Henry VI, then Edward IV; under the custody of Buckingham after Richard III's coronation; manipulates the pride of Buckingham to incite a conspiracy against Richard III.