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## 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*

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<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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<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