

Tableau 1 (before the play)	King Henry VI (Lancaster) Queen Margaret Prince Edward (Lancaster) Lady Anne
Action	murders Edward Prince of Wales murders Henry VI
Tableau 2   (the play opens)	Margaret (retired) and Anne (retired) King Edward IV (York) Queen Elizabeth (Lancaster/York) Old Duchess of York (mother to Edward, George Clarence and Richard of Gloucester) George Duke of Clarence Hastings Buckingham Derby/Stanley Catesby
	Rivers Gray



Act 1.1	makes friends with Edward IV (lines1, 2) makes friends with the audience makes friends with George, Duke of Clarence muddies Queen Elizabeth and her 'kindred'—Rivers and Gray
Act 1.2	marries Anne (widow to Edward Prince of Wales whom he murdered)
Act 1.3	muddies Queen Elizabeth and her kindred (line127-)
Act 1.4	murders George Duke of Clarence (his brother)
Act 2.1	makes friends with Queen Elizabeth and her kindred (line 53-)
Act 2.2	Edward IV dies
<b>Tableau 3</b> (the final assault)	Margaret (retired) Elizabeth (retired) Anne (with Richard of Gloucester) Young Prince Edward
	Young Prince Richard



	Hastings
	Buckingham
	Derby/Stanley
	Catesby
	Rivers
	Gray
Act 3.1	makes friends with Young Prince Edward and Young Prince Richard (his nephews)
Act 3.2	sifts Lord Hastings
Act 3.3	murders Queen Elizabeth's kindred—Lords Rivers and Gray
Act 3.4	murders Lord Hastings
Act 3.5	makes friends with the mayor
Act 3.7	makes friends with the citizens
	muddies the young princes



Tableau 4	Margaret (retired) Elizabeth (retired)
(Richard as King)	Young Princess Elizabeth
	Richard III on throne
	Anne on throne
	Young Prince Edward
	Young Prince Richard
	Buckingham
	Derby/Stanley
	Catesby
	Henry Richmond (Lancaster)
Act 4.1	Becomes King
Act 4.2-4.3	sifts Buckingham
	murders the young princes (4.2.80) (4.3.37)
	murders his wife Queen Anne (4.2.58) (4.3.38)
Act 4.4	(attempts to) marry Princes Elizabeth (his niece, daughter of Edward IV) (line 249-)



Act 5.1	murders Buckingham
Act 5.3	(attempts to) murder Lord Stanley, Earl of Derby's sonGeorge
Act 5.4	Is killed by Henry Richmond/Henry VII
<b>Tableau 5</b> (the new regime—The Tudors)	Henry VII (of Lancaster) Queen Elizabeth (of York) Henry VIII Queen Elizabeth I (for whom Shakespeare was writing)