

RICHARD III

10 Events

1. After a civil war, Edward is crowned, his brother Clarence is imprisoned and his other brother Richard plots his way to power and woos the widow of the Prince of Wales.
2. The ailing king's two sons now fall under the protectorate of Richard.
3. Clarence is murdered on Richard's orders. The king dies.
4. Richard begins to execute his fellow conspirators, beginning with Hastings.
5. Richard is crowned King. His wife, his sister-in-law and his mother lament.
6. The insecure king arranges the murder of his two nephews, much to the consternation of his right-hand man Buckingham.
7. Richard also arranges to have his wife killed so he can marry Elizabeth, his young niece, in order to secure his crown.
8. Buckingham realises he will not achieve his ambition with such a treacherous leader and defects to Richmond of Wales. Richmond amasses armies against King Richard.
9. Richard is cursed by his mother and by the ghosts of those he has killed on the eve of battle.
10. Richard, now abandoned, is slain by Richmond who becomes king.