CHARACTER Q&A: HENRY V

We spent some time with the heroic Henry to chat strategy, enemies and glorious English summers. Here's what he said...

TELL US YOUR STORY IN ONE SENTENCE

Hello there, I'm Henry V, a young and charismatic king in Shakespeare's play who overcomes selfdoubt and unites England, leading them to victory against France in the Battle of Agincourt.

WHO IS YOUR BEST FRIEND?

My best friend is the Duke of Exeter, a loyal and trusted advisor who supports me throughout my journey and fights by my side during the battle.

WHO IS YOUR WORST ENEMY AND WHY?

My worst enemy is the Dauphin of France, who mocks and underestimates me, challenging my ability to lead my country to victory.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL AND WHY?

I loved anything at school that required strategy, as it taught me how to think critically and make tactical decisions. Years down the line, that was crucial in my role as a king and military leader.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON?

My favourite season is summer, symbolizing the warmth and unity I bring to England and the bright future that lies ahead after our triumph. Also - less poetically - I just really hate cold weather!

IF YOU COULD COMPARE YOURSELF TO ONE FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Ooooh... [Pauses] I'd compare myself to Alexander the Great, who was also a young and ambitious leader who achieved great military success and inspired incredible loyalty in his people.

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET SKILL?

Well, it's not much of a secret anymore but my great skill is inspirational speeches. I have a way with words that can rally my troops and inspire them to fight courageously even when the odds are against us.

And that's me, Henry V! I hope you enjoyed learning a little bit about my life. Remember, never underestimate the power of determination and a strong spirit – you can accomplish great things if you believe in yourself and your cause (and have a decent-sized army to help)!



