

The Middle Ages

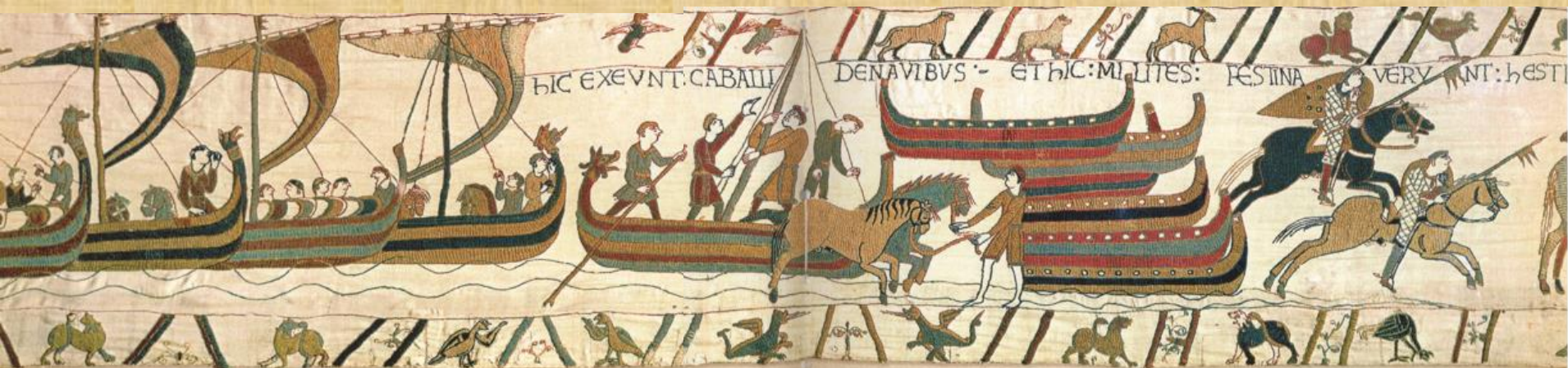
1066-1485



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Normans invade

The Bayeux Tapestry depicts a comet that appeared in 1066. Many people thought it was a warning of terrible things to come.



Boys started training to be knights from a young age – sometimes as early as age seven. First of all, a boy became a *page*, and was sent to live with the family of a famous knight. He fetched, carried and learned about horses.



Knights

Next, he became a knight's personal assistant, or *squire*. He took care of the knight's battle gear, and learned how to handle weapons for himself.

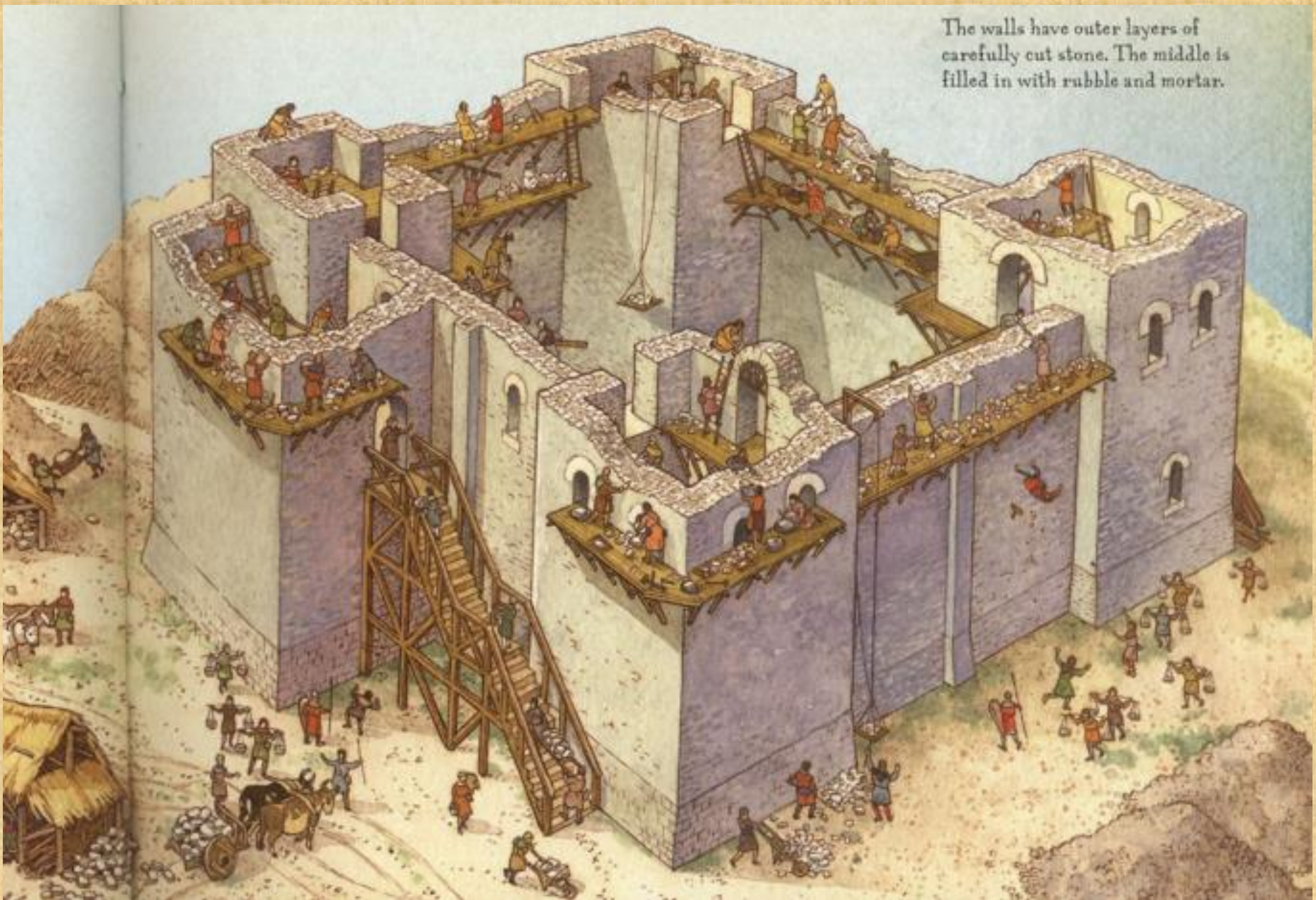


Finally, if he did well, he was made a knight at a special ceremony. The king or another famous knight tapped him with a glove or sword and gave him a sword and other gifts.



Castle building

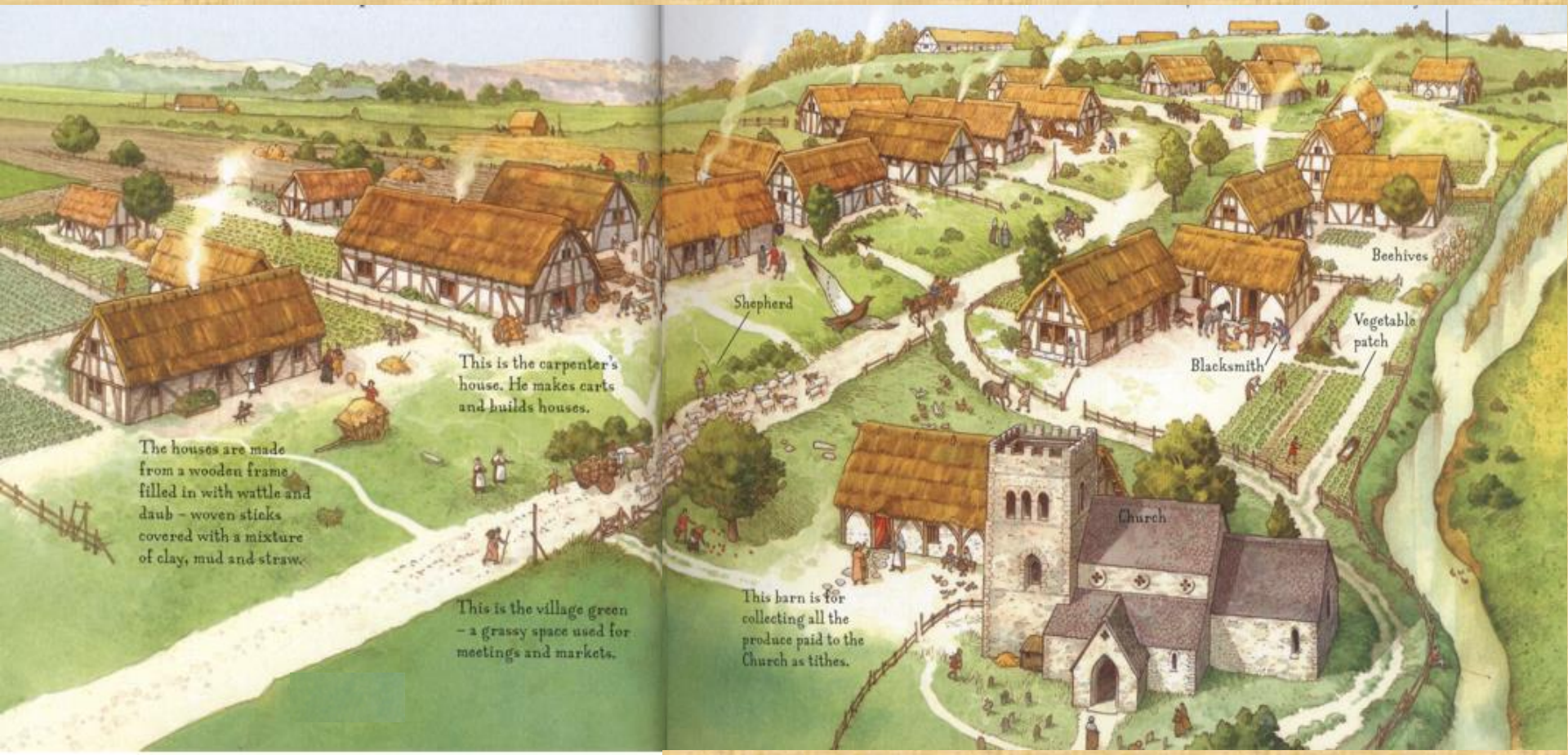
The walls have outer layers of carefully cut stone. The middle is filled in with rubble and mortar.



Marcher lords



Country life



The houses are made from a wooden frame filled in with wattle and daub - woven sticks covered with a mixture of clay, mud and straw.

This is the carpenter's house. He makes carts and builds houses.

This is the village green - a grassy space used for meetings and markets.

Shepherd

Blacksmith

Vegetable patch

Beehives

Church

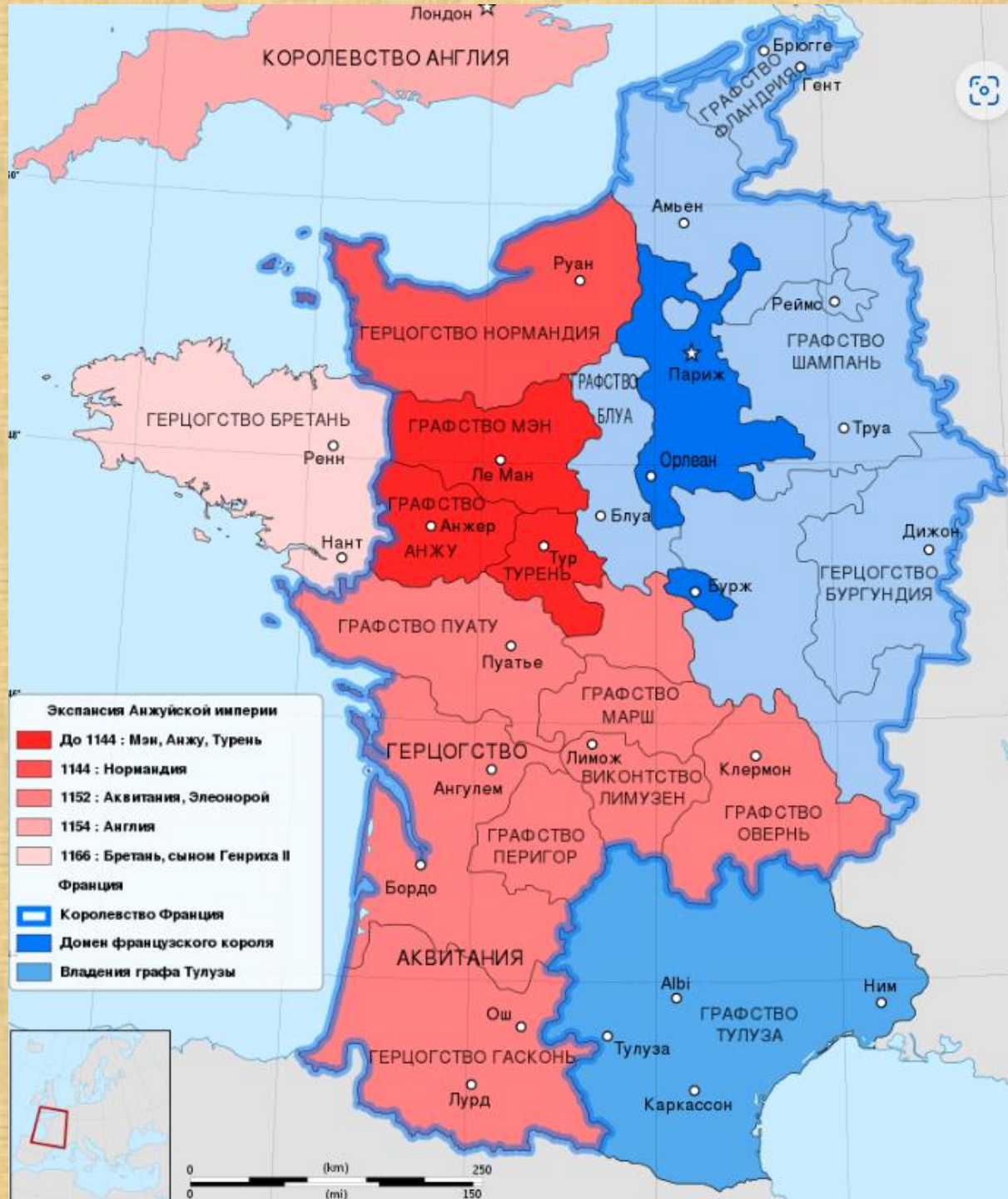
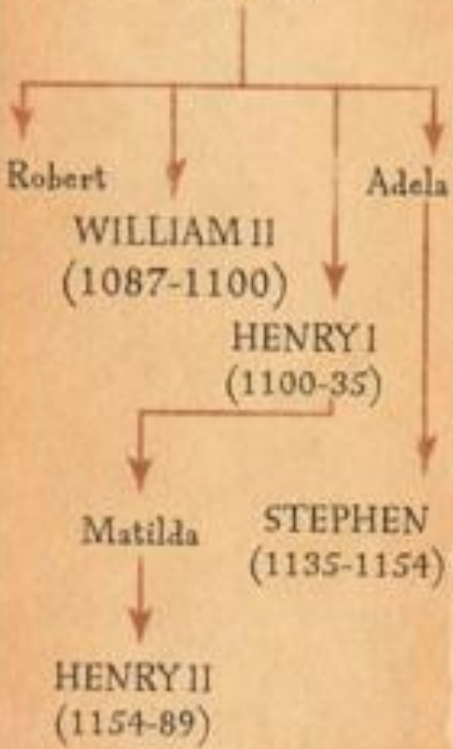
This barn is for collecting all the produce paid to the Church as tithes.

Towns and trade

This painting of an English town was made around 1320-40. You can see the town walls enclosing houses and a large church. The poles sticking up from some of the houses are trade signs, to show everyone what kind of goods are sold there.



WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR
(1066-87)



Saint
Thomas Becket

Archbishop of Canterbury
Primate of England



Meister Francke. Thomas Becket's Martyrdum

The Crusades



Learning



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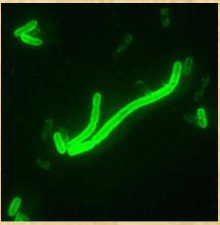
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Plague



Wat Tyler



Literature and art



Noble pastimes



Merrymaking

Football was popular among peasants, but very dangerous. There were no rules, and some players carried knives, which meant that tackling could be especially risky.



The Welsh Prince

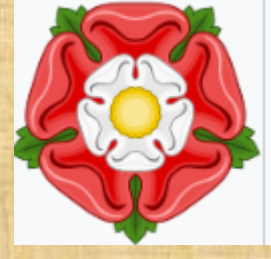




Lancaster



York



Tudor





The Battle of Bosworth

*A horse, a horse,
My kingdom for a horse!*

Richard III
Facial reconstruction

Henry Tudor claimed he had a right to be King, as a great grandson of Edward III. But many people had closer links to the throne – including the Princes in the Tower.

Some historians even think it may have been Henry who had them killed, rather than Richard III.

Thank you for your attention!