

Kings of England and Wales

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HOUSE OF LANCASTER

HENRY IV - 13 yrs. 172 days. First English king since the Norman Conquest with English rather than French as his first language. Died probably of leprosy.

HENRY V - 9 yrs. 164 days. One of the greatest warrior kings of medieval England, defeated the French at Agincourt. His militaristic pursuits in the Hundred Years' War created a strong sense of English nationalism and set the stage for the rise of England and then later Britain to prominence as a dominant global power

HENRY VI - 38 yrs. 185 days, 1st reign. King of England and France at 9 months old. Founded King's College Cambridge. An ineffective reign, deposed and imprisoned in the Tower of London.

HOUSE OF YORK

EDWARD IV - 9 yrs. 214 days, 1st reign. An unpopular king, deposed and fled to Flanders where he gathered support and invaded England the next year.