

Year 3 Blue Jays History Spring 2

Wars of the Roses

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The Wars of the Roses was a civil war fought in England. It lasted for just over 30 years from 1455 to 1487, however, the battles were mostly small and sometimes were years apart. The battles were fought between two rival families who both laid claim to the throne of England: The House of Lancaster and the House of York.

The Tudor Rose

The emblems of the two house of York and Lancaster were combined to create the Tudor Rose.

House of York



House of Lancaster



Tudor Rose



Key Vocabulary	Definition
alleged	Meaning an accusation made without proof.
archaeologist	A person who studies human history and prehistory through analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.
civil war	A war between citizens of the same country.
coronation	The ceremony of crowning a monarch.
guilty	Not innocent of a crime or offence, did commit the crime or offence.
House of Lancaster	The other branch of the English royal House of Plantagenet.
House of York	The branch of the English royal House of Plantagenet (three of its members became kings of England).
innocent	Not guilty of a crime or offence, did not commit the crime or offence.
Lancastrian	A supporter of the house of Lancaster.
legitimate	Meaning lawful or justified.
pious	Show love for God in thought and actions.
Plantagenet	The name of the family which all the kings of England from 1154 to 1485 belonged to.
readeption	The restoration of Henry VI of England to the throne of England in 1470.
union	Things come together to make one.
usurper	Someone who takes the throne through force without having a legitimate claim for it.
Yorkist	A supporter of the house of York.

Monarchs during the Wars of the Roses

King Henry VI

1422 - 1461 24 year reign



Henry VI had poor periods of mental health, he was replaced by Richard, Duke of York.

King Edward V

1483 2 month reign



King Edward V was the son of the Duke of York. He defeated Henry VI and became King. Henry VI reclaimed the throne from him.

King Edward IV

1461-1483 22 year reign



Edward IV reclaimed the throne after defeating Henry VI at Tewkesbury.

King Richard III

1483-1485 2 year reign



Uncle of Edward V. He became king after his nephews mysteriously disappeared.

Wars of the Roses Timeline

