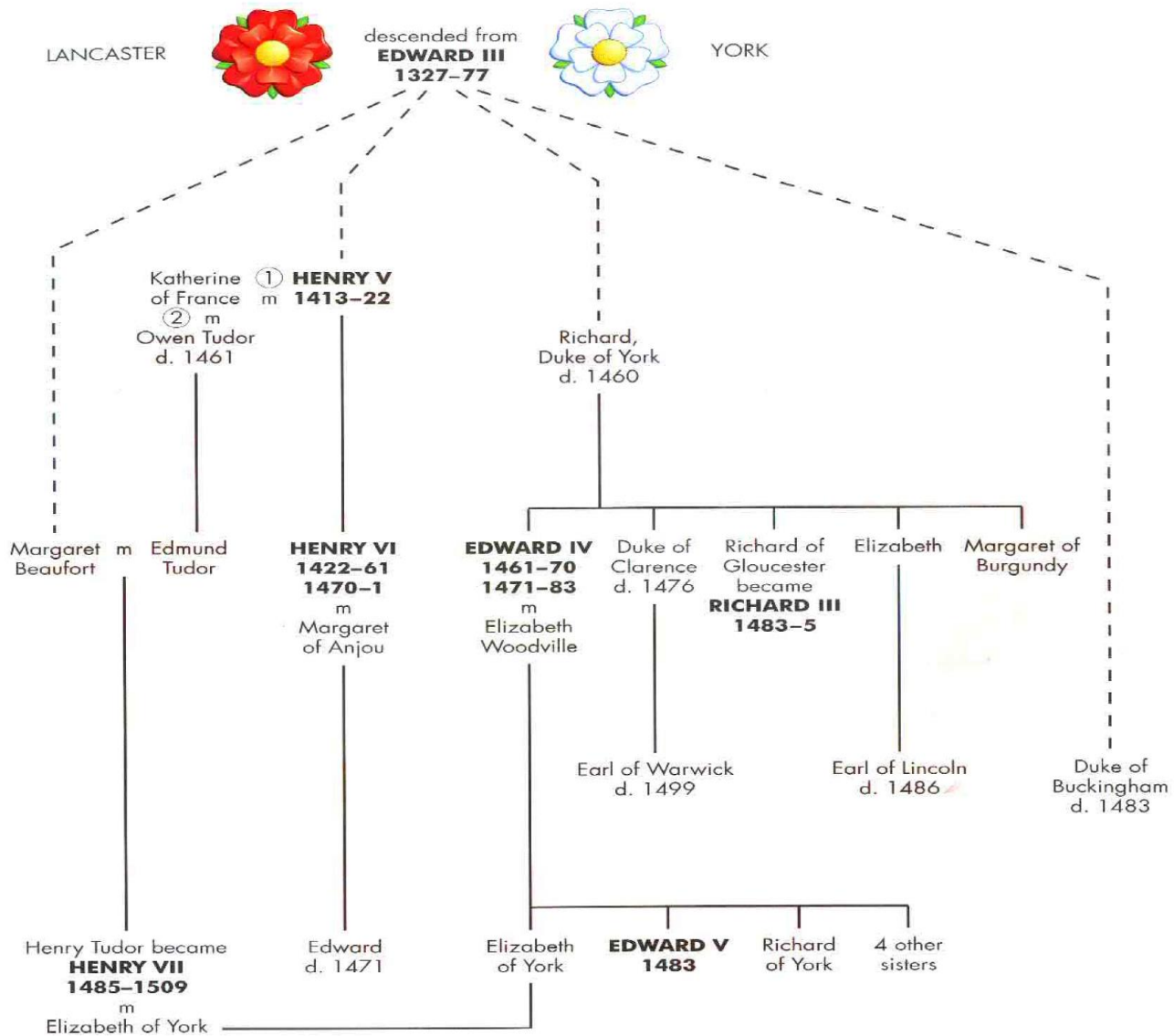


# On your copy of the family tree ...

Find:

- Edward VI
- Henry VII
- Edward V
- Edward V's brother
  
- Who should have been king in 1483?

# THE FAMILIES OF LANCASTER AND YORK



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Dotted lines indicate that previous generations have been left out.

*The English royal family tree from Edward III to Henry VII.*

# What was the problem in the 1480's?

King Edward IV died suddenly in April 1483. He had two sons: Edward (aged 12) and Richard (aged 9). Before the king died, he made his trusted younger brother, Richard Duke of Gloucester, Protector of the young princes. This meant that Richard would effectively run the country until his nephew, Prince Edward, was old enough to rule by himself. But it didn't quite work out like that ...

In June 1483 Richard announced that his brother, the dead King Edward IV, had never been legally married to the princes' mother. This made the boys illegitimate and so neither of them could inherit the throne.

In July 1483 Richard, Duke of Gloucester, was crowned King Richard III. The two princes were never seen again. What had happened to them? Were they now dead? Had Richard ordered their murder? People have been arguing about this ever since. Remember there is no right answer. No one knows for sure whether or not Richard was involved. It's a question of weighing the evidence and coming to a judgement, based on that evidence.