

Fifteenth Century Timeline

1400

ca. Death of Chaucer

1404

Innocent VII Elected Pope

1413

Beginning Reign of Henry V

b. Joan of Arc

1415

Resumption of the 100-year war. Henry V defeats the French at the Battle of Agincourt

1416

ca. d. Julian of Norwich

1417

End of the Great Schism, Council of Constance, November 11

1422

d. Henry V, Henry VI King at 9 months old

1429

Battle of Orleans, Joan of Arc Leads French to Victory

1431

Execution of Joan of Arc at Rouen

1434

Cosimo de Medici becomes ruler of the city of Florence

1436

ca. End of the 100 year war

1438

ca. d. Margery Kempe

1450

Return of Richard, Duke of York from Ireland, August

1452

b. Leonardo da Vinci

1453

Henry VI first fought with mental illness, December
French capture Bordeaux, last of English strongholds in the southwest, end of the 100 years war
Turks capture Constantinople

1454 Apr – 1455 Feb

Yorks' First Protectorate

1455

May 22 First Saint Albans, Yorkist Victory, d. Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset
Thomas de Clifford; Henry Percy, 2nd Earl of Northumberland
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1455 Nov – 1456 Feb

York's Second Protectorate

1457

b. Henry VII

1458

Calais lost to the French

1459

Battle of Blore Heath

1460

Yorkist victory at Northampton, July 10, d. Duke of Buckingham
York is recognized as the legitimate heir to the throne, October
Battle of Wakefield, Yorkist forces lost, York is killed

1461

Yorkist victory at Mortimer's Cross, Second Battle of Saint Albans, February
Yorkist victory at Towton, March
Edward IV becomes King, placed Henry VI in the Tower of London March

1464

Hedgeley Moor, April
Hexham, May

1465

Henry VI is captured, July

1469

Edgecote Moor, July

1469-1470

Morte Darthur completed in prison by Malory

1470

Losecote Field, March

Edward IV flees to Holland; Henry VI restored to throne, September

1471

Edward IV returns at Ravenser, March

Barnet, April

Edward IV returned to throne, April

Yorkist Victory at Battle of Tewkesbury, May 4

1478

Spanish Inquisition, Pope Sixtus IV

1483

d. Edward IV, April

Edward V and his brother, Duke of York, imprisoned and murdered in the Tower of London, possibly by Edward III

Edward III King of England

Henry VII to Wales for support

b. Martin Luther

1485

Henry VII defeats Richard III at Bosworth, August 7

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1487

Battle of Stoke

1491

b. Henry VIII

1492

Columbus' Voyages

Expulsion of Jews from Spain