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# History

## Advanced

## PAPER 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth

## Option 30: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399–1509

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From *An English Chronicle of the reigns of Richard II, Henry IV, Henry V and Henry VI*, written in the 1460s. The chronicler is unknown and is writing here about events in the years 1459–60.

The realm of England was lacking all good governance, as it had been for many years, for King Henry VI was child-like and led by greedy advisors. He owed more than he was worth, his debts increased daily, but payment there was none. All the possessions and lordships that belonged to the crown the King had given away, some to lords and some to other lesser persons, so that he had almost nothing left to own. There were many burdens that were placed on the people, such as taxes. All that came from the people was spent in vain for he held not a proper household as a king should, nor was he able to maintain any wars. For these misgovernances, and for many others, the hearts of the people were turned away from the King who governed the land, and their blessings were turned into cursings.

The Queen, Margaret of Anjou, with such men as shared her views, ruled the realm as she liked, gathering countless riches. The officers of the realm, and especially the Earl of Wiltshire, treasurer of England, in order to enrich himself, mistreated the poor people and disinherited rightful heirs and did many wrongs.

The Queen was insulted and slandered. It was said that he that was called Prince, the heir to the throne, was not her son, but a bastard gotten in adultery. The Queen, dreading that he should not succeed his father as king of England, allied herself to all the knights and squires of Cheshire so as to have their support. She made her son, called the Prince, give a livery of Swans to all the gentlemen of the county, and to many others throughout the land, trusting through their strength to make her son king. She also made promises to some of the lords of England to say to the King that he should resign the crown to her son: but she could not achieve her purpose.

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