



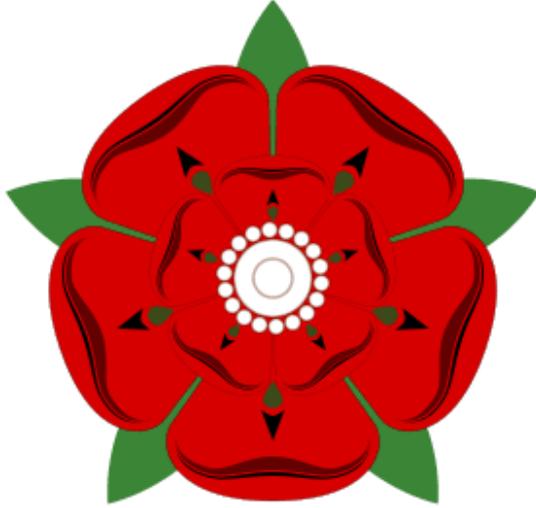
# **JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE (JCC)**

## **Study Guide**

### **War of the Roses**



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## Letter from Secretary General

Dear Delegates,

I would like to welcome you all to the 2nd official session of Izmir Science High School Model United Nations Conference as the Secretary General. I am a sophomore in our school and this conference was actually a dream for me when I first came to this school as a freshman student last year. I had no idea about MUN conferences then. I was just a girl who wanted to do something to improve myself and I joined our school's MUN club, not really expecting anything. But I found out that it is what I want to do in high school.

In this conference, our aim is to welcome you all and provide you with anything you need. We will be sure that all your needs are provided, you are having fun, and most importantly you are learning about politics and diplomacy.

As the executive team, we try to make sure that our conference has everything you need. With our incredible academic team, prepare yourselves for the best committees you have ever been in. And with our organization team, you can be sure that all of your needs will be covered patiently from top to bottom.

As the secretary general of this conference, I suggest you to read your study guides properly and do research about your agenda item. I hope you all have a productive conference full of unforgettable memories at MUNIFL'25.

All The Best!  
Hazal Kuş  
Secretary General

## Letter from Head of Crisis

Hello delegates,

I'm Deniz Altay and I'm a Junior in İzmir Bornova Anatolian High School. Throughout the conference, I will be responsible as the Head of Crisis. If you have any questions or anything that you want to ask/talk about, you can reach me via my e-mail adress. I wish all of you a wonderful MUN experince in MUNIFL'25!

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## Letter from Under-Secretary General

Most esteemed delegates,

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you all to our committee and to the conference MUNIFL25. I feel honored to be a part of this prestigious event. I am Mete Başkan and I will be serving as your Under-Secretary General during the conference.

I started my Model United Nations journey in April 2023, and it has been going on till this day. These conferences take a special part in my heart and mean so much to me with all its fun, excitement, tragedy, tears, sleepless nights and new friends that came into my life. I truly hope that this experience will meet your expectations and help you to make unforgettable memories with us and your friends.

I just sit here writing this letter but I am really excited to meet you all, if you need any guidance or have any minor problems do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mete Başkan

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## Introduction to the Committee

A pair of roses that made the House of Plantagenet bleed with their thorns: The Houses of Lancaster and York.

The heavy defeat of the English in the Hundred Years' War between England and France shakes the confidence of King Henry VI, a child of the House of Lancaster, who has just ascended the throne. As Henry begins to show signs of mental illness, the question of central authority arises, and the disputes between the York and Lancaster families over who should rule divide England in two.

In a conflict where the thorns of roses make each other bleed, it's up to you to shape Britain's future!

# Timelines

## Chronological List of Battles of the Wars of The Roses

- 22nd of May 1455  
Battle of I. St. Albans
- 23rd of September 1459  
War of Blore Heath
- 10th of July 1460  
Battle of Northampton
- 17th of February 1461  
Battle of 2. St. Albans
- 29th of March 1471  
Battle of Towton
- 14th of April 1471  
Battle of Tewkesbury
- 22nd of August 1485  
Pitched Battle of Bosworth
- 16th of June 1487  
Pitched Battle of Stoke

## Important Events During the War

1st of June 1453

- The Percy-Neville Trial

In 1453, Henry VI had begun efforts to stop the violence caused by various disputes between noble families. These disputes gradually polarized around the long-standing Percy-Neville feud and became identified with the Percy cause.

This pushed the Nevilles into the arms of York, which now for the first time had support among a section of the nobility.

The Percy-Neville feud was a series of conflicts, raids and vandalism between two prominent northern English families, the House of Percy and the House of Neville and their followers, which helped provoke the Wars of the Roses

The original cause of the long dispute is unknown, and the first incidents of violence were in the 1450s, before the Wars of the Roses.

22nd of May 1455

- York Rebellion and the First Battle of St. Albans:
- A Yorkist victory following the York Rebellion in which the Duke of Somerset was killed. The Duke of York was reappointed Regent and was deposed in 1456. Queen Margaret fanned the flames of anti-York sentiment at

court . Richard Duke of York's influence weakened and he was excluded from the royal council.

- 23rd of September 1459

Battle of Blore Heath.

Yorkist Victory.

- 12nd of October 1459

Battle of Ludford Bridge.

A victory for the House of Lancaster. Richard of York has escaped to Ireland.

- 10th of July 1460

Battle of Northampton.

Yorkist Victory. Henry VI has been captured. The Earl of Warwick orders the slaughter of all prisoners. The Queen flees to Wales.

- 10th of October 1460

Richard of York, who had been appointed heir, returns to England. In response, a new army is formed by the Queen.

- 30th of December 1460

Battle of Wakefield.

A victory for the House of Lancaster, Richard of York is killed and is succeeded by his son Edward.

- 2nd of February 1461  
War of Mortimer's Cross.  
Yorkist Victory, After the death of Richard of York, Edward, the son of the brace, achieved the victory.
- 17th of February 1461  
Second Battle of St Albans.  
A victory for the House of Lancaster. Henry VI. rescued.
- 4th of March 1461  
Edward of York, Edward IV., proclaimed king in London.
- 9th of March 1461  
Battle of Towton. Another Yorkist victory for The Earl of Warwick. King Henry, Queen Margaret and the Prince of Wales have flown to Scotland.
- 24th of June 1465  
Henry VI. captured and imprisoned in the Tower of London.
- 1st of May 1470  
After quarrelling with Edward IV., Warwick the Kingmaker fled to France. There, he joined forces with Queen Margaret before returning to England and restoring the Lancastrian Henry VI. to the throne on 13th October

- 14th of March 1471  
The Yorkist King Edward fled to France, returning with a small army
  
- 14th of April 1471  
Battle of Barnet. A victory for Edward's Yorkist army.  
Warwick the Kingmaker has been killed.
  
- 4th of May 1471  
Battle of Tewkesbury. A defeat for the Lancastrian army, led by Queen Margaret and the Prince of Wales. The Prince of Wales was killed and the queen was captured.
  
- 21st-22nd of May 1471  
Henry VI was killed in the Tower of London. Henry Tudor, the Earl of Richmond and Lancastrian claimant to the throne, fled to France.  
The Yorkist Edward IV was now the undisputed king.
  
- 9th of April 1483  
Death of Edward IV, succeeded by his young son Edward V.
  
- June of 1483  
Edward V and his brother were declared illegitimate by Parliament. Richard Duke of Gloucester, brother of Edward IV, asked to take the throne as Richard III .

- Summer of 1483

Edward V. and his brother have been murdered in the Tower of London.

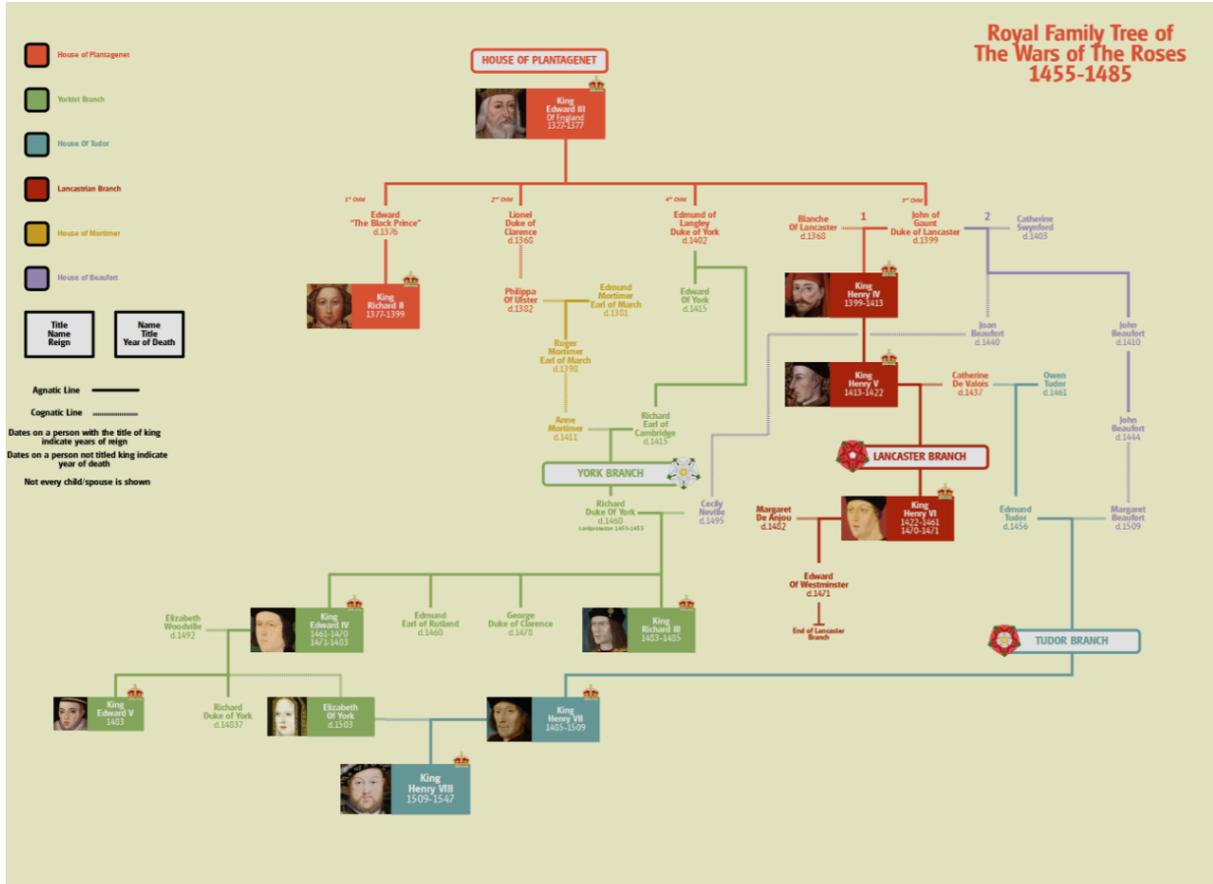
- 7th of August 1485

Henry Tudor, last of the Lancastrians, landed at Milford Haven in Wales.

- 22nd of August 1485

Battle of Bosworth. King Richard III was killed and the Lancastrian Henry Tudor became King Henry VII.

# ROYAL FAMILY TREE



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