

Henry VI Part 1

The Wars of the Roses succeed the 100 Years' War. The Houses of York and Lancaster are pitted against each other: in Temple Church garden the supporters of Richard Plantagenet pick a white rose, and the Duke of Somerset's red. Richard believes that the throne belongs to York. The Dauphin rebels, and Joan of Arc defeats Talbot at Orleans, which he retakes, and again at Rouen, but he dies defeated in battle against the Duke of Burgundy. Richard and Somerset capture and burn Joan. Suffolk tells Henry of his captive, Margaret of Anjou, through whom he hopes to control the crown.