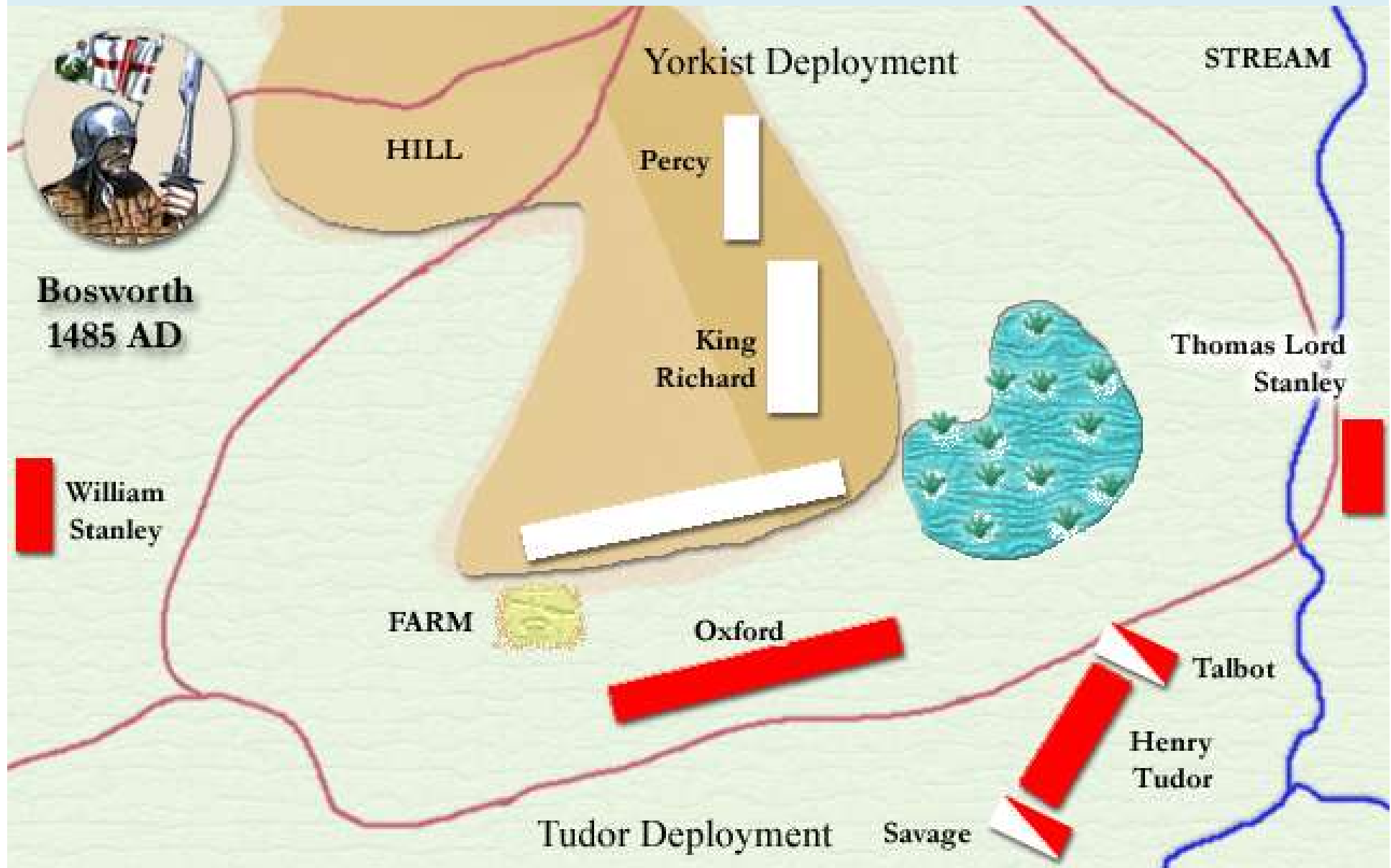
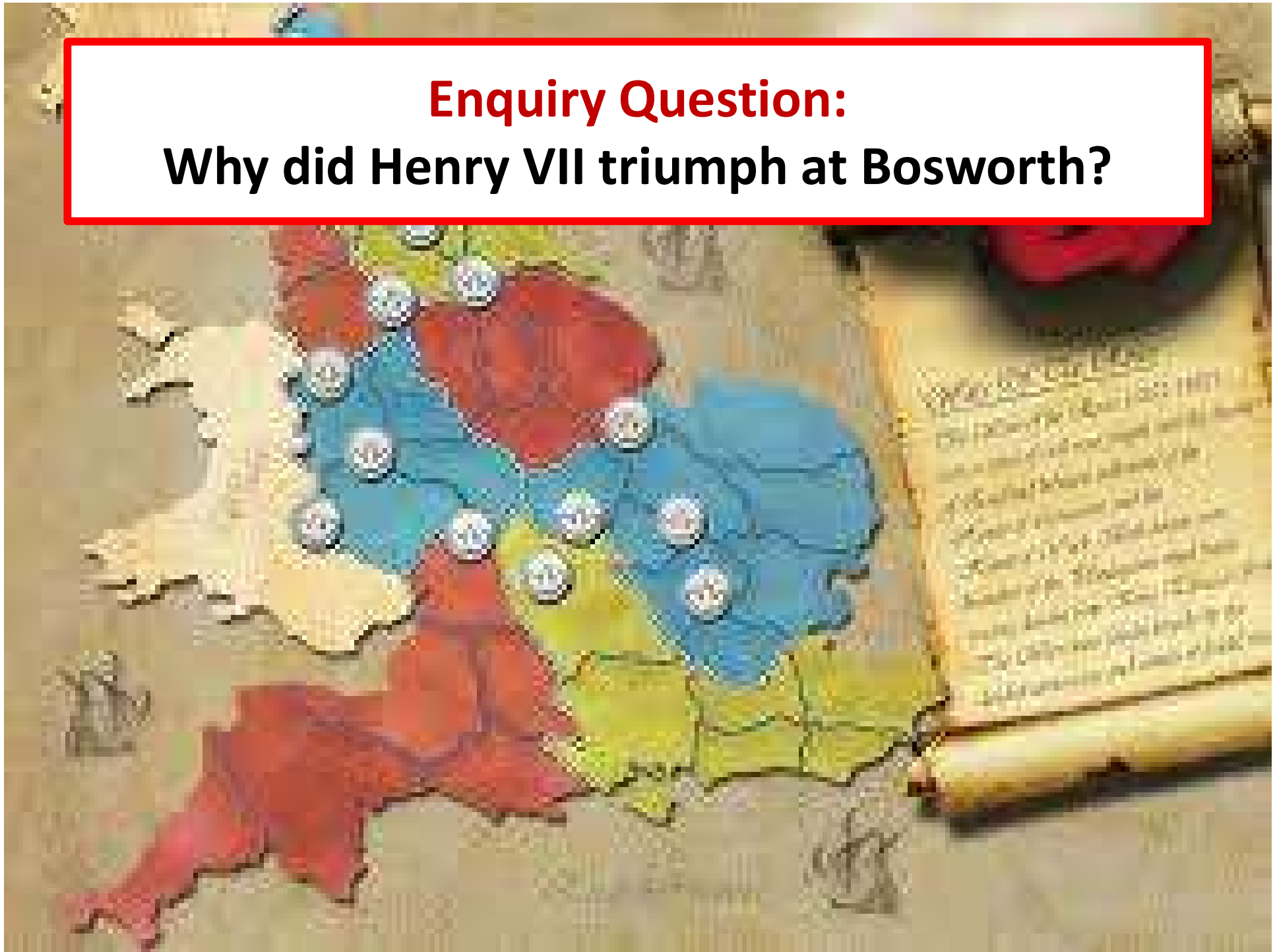


What do you already know about the Battle of Bosworth?



Enquiry Question:
Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?



Learning Objectives

- LO: To explain and understand why Henry triumphed at the Battle of Bosworth



Richard III's Unpopularity

Support for Henry VII

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Other factors

Richard's Military Errors

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Richard III's Unpopularity



Richard's bad reputation

He was considered to be a usurper and was suspected of murdering his nephews (the two princes) to take the throne.

Usurper - a person who takes a position of power or importance illegally or by force



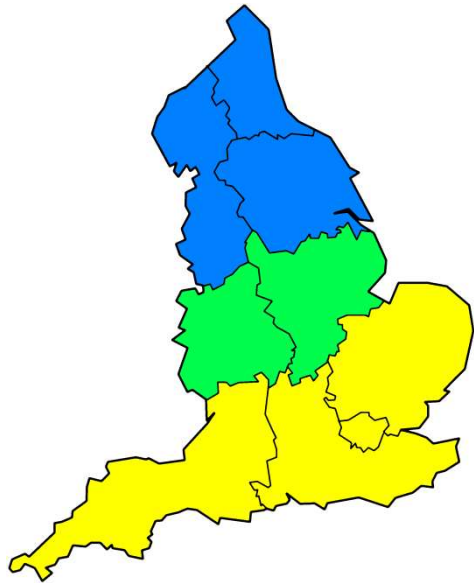
Richard's lack of support amongst the nobility

Although he was supposed to be popular in the North, many powerful northern families failed to support him (e.g. Stanley)

Nobility – upper class people.

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Richard III's Unpopularity



Richard's lack of support in the South of England

He had given southern land to his northern supporters, and was Northern by birth. No southern nobles fought for Richard at Bosworth.

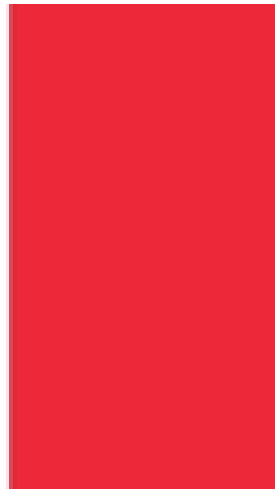
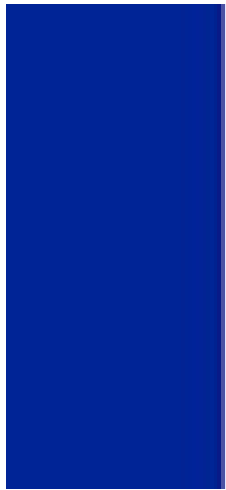


Richard's claim to the throne was not accepted

He claimed that the princes were illegitimate and that he was the rightful heir of Edward IV but most people did not accept this

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Support for Henry VII



Henry Tudor had French support, money and men from Charles VIII

Henry Tudor had Yorkist support
By promising to marry Elizabeth of York if he became King

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Support for Henry VII



Henry Tudor had Welsh support

He was born in and landed in Wales and so was able to recruit in an area that liked and supported him.

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Richard's Military Errors



Richard made errors on the battlefield

Leaving his vantage point for one-on-one combat with Henry left him vulnerable



Desertion/treachery on the battlefield

Stanley changed support to Henry's side and many soldiers on Richard's side left the battle before the end because they weren't inspired by Richard's cause.

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Richard's Military Errors



Lack of personal safety

Richard should have realised he was the target, not his army.

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Other factors

Many people were unprepared to commit themselves wholeheartedly to Richard's side, after recent years had proved that monarchs came and went rapidly, and they themselves knew that backing the wrong side could lead to their execution.

Why did Henry VII triumph at Bosworth?

Other factors

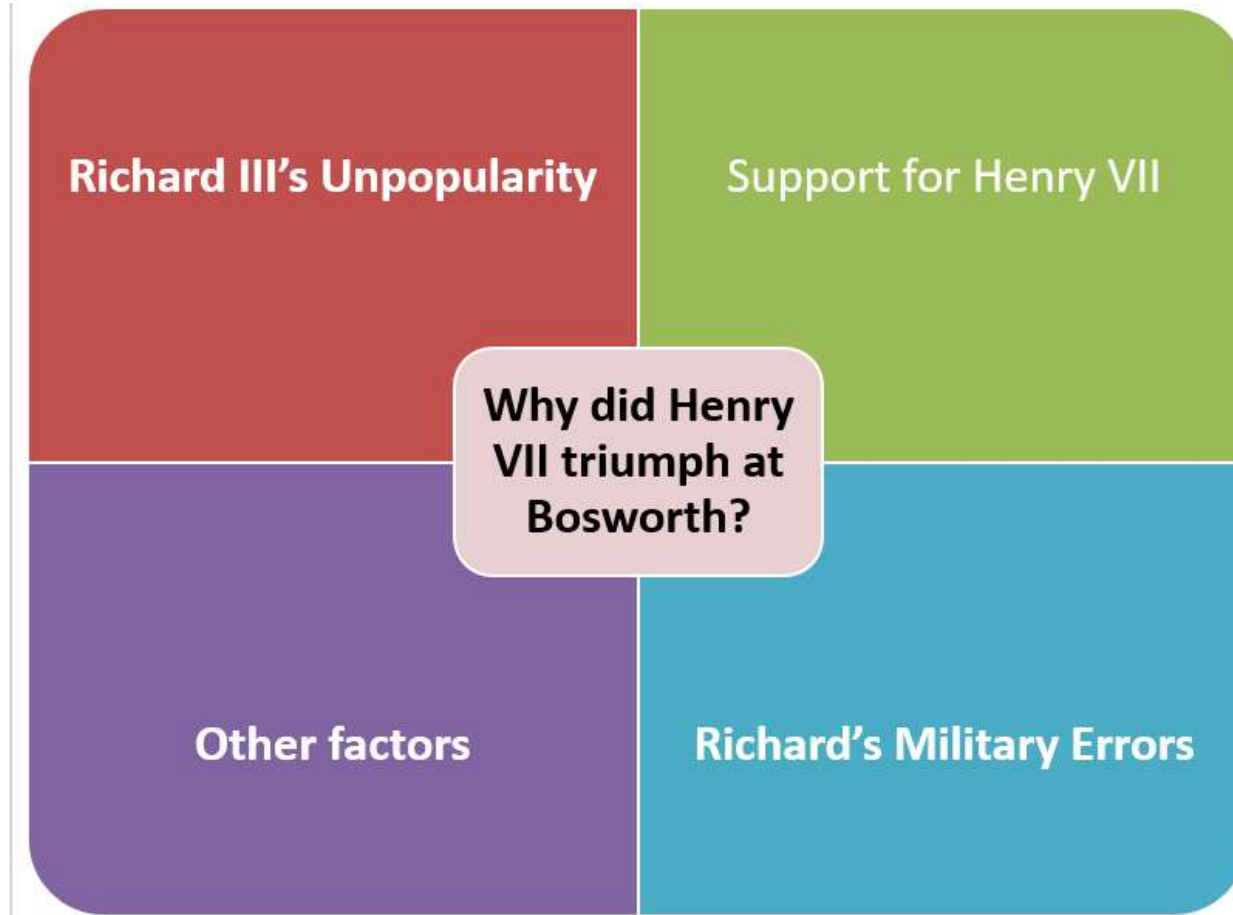
- **The Stanley's were sneaky**

They might well have backed Richard had the battle seemed to be going his way.

- **Richard was unlucky**

So often in history, that's the way it goes - one bad day and all is lost.

Divide your book into four sections
and decide where the statements go



Write on sentence
next to each
statement explaining
why it is a factor.

Richard's lack of support in the South of England	Henry Tudor had French support	Richard made errors on the battlefield	Lack of personal safety
Desertion/treachery on the battlefield	Richard's claim to the throne was not accepted	Many people were unprepared to commit themselves	Richard's bad reputation
Henry Tudor had Yorkist support	Richard's lack of support amongst the nobility	The Stanley's were sneaky	Henry Tudor had Welsh support

Lesson Two

- LO: To evaluate the relative importance of factors that led to Henry's victory



Review Point: Why did Henry VII win?

YOUR TASK;

Write each factor on a post it note.

- How did each of the following lead to Henry's victory at Bosworth? discuss
- Prioritize the factors in order of importance.
- Was there a 'turning point' event at which victory for Henry became inevitable?

Welsh & French support

Richard's death

Treachery of the Stanleys

Richard's bad reputation

Weak nobility

Richard's military errors

Yorkist support for Henry

Claim to throne was weak

Any other factors????

Review Point: Why did Henry VII win?

The factors that created the possibility of victory	The factors that made victory more likely but still not certain	Immediate factors or events that turned the possibility of victory into a reality

Draw a table in your book and add the post it notes to the section you think.

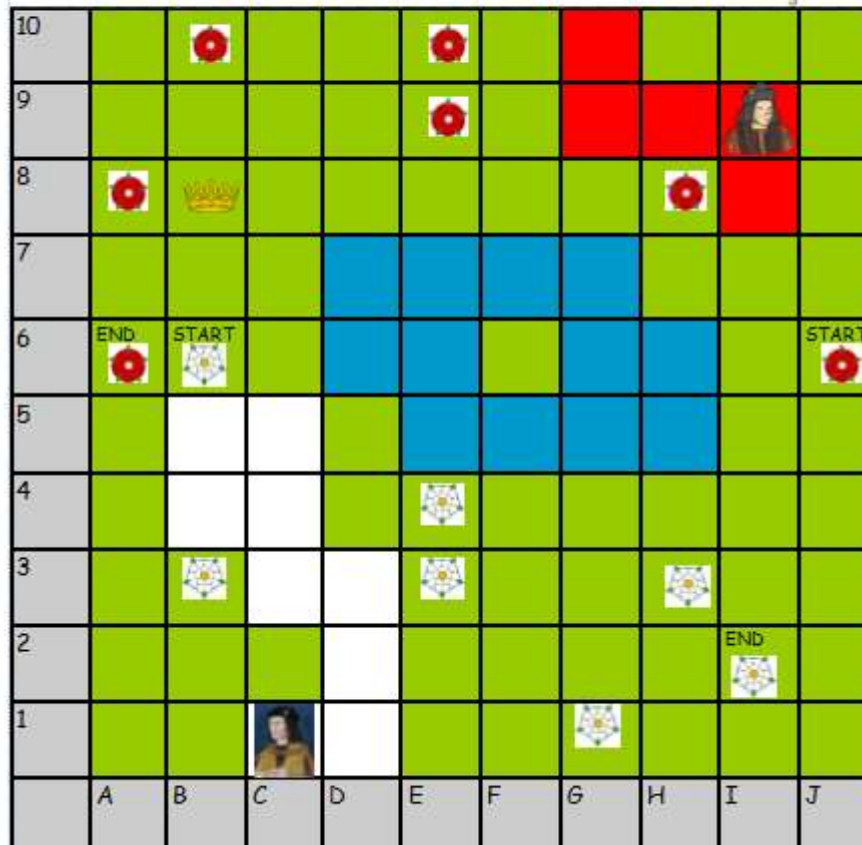
Review – answer these questions

- **Who seemed to be in the strongest position before the battle? Why?**

LO: To use coordinates on a grid

The Battle of Bosworth

L/O: To be able to locate using a compass



- How many of Henry Tudor's army does 1 red square represent? _____
- In which square is Henry Tudor? _____
- In which square is Richard III? _____
- Where is the island on the map? _____
- One of Henry's men found Richard's Crown. In which square did he find it?

- There are several red roses belonging to the Lancastrian House (Henry Tudor) on the map. Can you name the squares where they are located?

- There are several red roses belonging to the York House (Richard III) on the map. Can you name the squares where they are located?

- Draw a path linking all of the red roses starting from J6 and ending on A6 using the compass points to navigate. E.g. Move North 2 squares, move West 2 squares... (show direction on the map with arrows)

- Draw a path linking all of the white roses starting from B6 and ending on I2 using the compass points to navigate. E.g. Move South 3 squares, move East 3 squares... (show direction on the map with arrows)

- Draw a tree in square F3, A1, J10 and I5. Draw fish in boxes D7, F7 and H5.
- Draw a house in square C10, C2 and J3.
- Start on square D1. Move North 7 squares, East 2 squares, South 4 squares, East 2 squares, North 1 square and West 5 squares. Where are you now? _____
- Think of 2 questions yourself and ask a friend to complete them:
A) _____
B) _____



Extending your understanding

What do other people think was the most important reason for Henry's victory?

YOUR TASK:

- Close reading of two articles, each in support of one factor being the main reason for victory.
 - [The Battle of Bosworth Field; A Welsh Victory \(History Extra\)](#)
 - [Treachery; What really brought down Richard III \(History Extra\)](#)
- Which argument is the most convincing?
- Why?

Learning Objectives

- To explain why Henry triumphed at the Battle of Bosworth ✓
- To evaluate the relative importance of factors that led to Henry's victory ✓





EXAM SKILLS

FOCUS: Essay Plans



YOUR TASK:

- Look at the essay plan for the question: Why did Henry Tudor win the Battle of Bosworth in 1485?
- Highlight/annotate the strengths of the essay plan in **green**.
- Highlight/annotate the weaknesses of the essay plan in **red**.
- How could the essay plan be improved?

Homework

ESSAY:

How accurate is it to say that French support was the most important reason for Henry Tudor's successful challenge to the rule of Richard III?

Further Reading

[10 Things You Need to Know About Bosworth \(History Extra\)](#)

Extra Credit

BOOK: Margaret Beaufort; Mother of the Tudor Dynasty (Elizabeth Norton)

Why did Henry Tudor win the Battle of Bosworth in 1485?

Essay Plan

Introduction

TBC

Para 1 Henry's French Support and His Landing Position

A major factor of the win was the French support Henry was given and the clever choice of landing. French gave him 2000 soldiers. He landed in Milford haven - Ria. Very good landing spot because it was wide and deep. Woodland, Pasture for troops. Support in Pembrokeshire, 3000 gathered. He Persuaded many very skilled long bowmen to join his army. Bad because long way to march to battle but this is a feeble argument against the pros.

Para 2 The Stanley's

The Stanley's were the main factor in Henry winning. Richard ordered Lord Thomas Stanley and Sir William Stanley, two of the most powerful men in England, to bring their 6,000 soldiers to fight for the king. Richard had been told that Lord Stanley had promised to help Henry Tudor. In order to make him change his mind, Richard kidnapped Lord Stanley's eldest son. Without the support of the Stanley's Richard looked certain to be defeated. Richard gave orders for Lord Stanley's son to be brought to the top of the hill. The king then sent a message to Lord Stanley threatening to execute his son unless he sent his troops to join the king on Ambien Hill. Lord Stanley's reply was short: "Sire, I have other sons." Henry now had Stanley's support. If it wasn't for Stanley's, he wouldn't have won.

Para 3 Richard bad mistake and Northumberland lack of support.

Another Main factor is Richard's mistakes and unpopularity. Northumberland refuses to help him. Richards lack of support in the south, due to him giving land to northern supporters. NO southerners fighting for Richard. Richards claim to throne not accepted. Princes in the tower Edward IV children.... Usurp. He charged down the hill in attempt to kill Henry. Failed. Main reason for failure.

Conclusion

Main factor was the Stanley's. Also it was Henry's cleverness landing in a good place where there was resources and support. Also due to Richards bad support and foolhardy decisions.