



# HENRY VI

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William Shakespeare

SHAKESPEARE'S  
GLOBE

## VISUAL STORY

To help prepare you for your  
visit to Shakespeare's Globe

**Relaxed Performance**  
Tuesday 7 January 2020, 7.30pm

## GETTING TO THE THEATRE

This is the Foyer. If you need somewhere quiet at any time you can come back out of the Playhouse into the Foyer.



Your ticket will tell you which gallery, bay and row you are in. Once you have found your row you will need to find the part of the bench reserved for you which will match the number on your ticket.





This is the stage. For different plays, designers add pieces of set to make it look different.

These are stewards. You can recognise the stewards by their aprons. The stewards are there to help you. If you feel tired, or need to exit please ask a steward. They can also show you where the toilets are. Stewards are good people to go to if you feel worried about anything in the show.





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## THE CHARACTERS OF THE PLAY



This is **King Henry VI**.



This is **Queen Margaret**.



This is **Cade mob**.



This is **York**.



This is **Eleanor**.



This is **Warwick**.



This is **Somerset**.



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This is **Gloucester**.



This is **Suffolk**.



This is **Richard**.



This is **Northumberland**.

## SHOW NOTES

These are notes of things that may happen during the show, or that you may want to think about for your visit.

- The play has three parts.  
Part one lasts for about one hour.  
Part two lasts for roughly 50 minutes.  
Part three lasts for just under one hour.  
There is an interval between part one and part two, and a second interval between part two and part three.
- The theatre has an average temperature of 19°.
- Violence is portrayed, but it is pretending fighting and nobody gets hurt.
- Hoods and masks are used in order to make the rebels look intimidating. These include clown masks and animal masks. The masks are sometimes lit by small lights in hoods.
- There is music throughout the performance.
- Near the end of the play, dirt is brought onto the stage.
- Fake blood is used on stage.
- Large flags are waved on the stage.

## THE PLAY

This is a detailed description of the events in the play

King Henry VI is the son of Henry V.

Henry V was a very popular king.

Henry VI is going to be married to Margaret. Henry likes Margaret, but she will only marry him if he gives the land he owns in France to her father. Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester is Henry's uncle. Humphrey is worried about the marriage.

The Duke of Somerset doesn't want Humphrey to have his title. Somerset starts rumours that Humphrey is not good enough to be the Lord Protector. The Duke of York sees an opportunity to claim the throne of England.

Humphrey's wife is Eleanor. Eleanor believes that Humphrey should take the throne. Humphrey ignores her. Eleanor tries to plot by herself.

Margaret wishes her husband would take more power. She sees the other lords as enemies, including Humphrey. The Duke of Suffolk talks to her to say that he will deal with her enemies.

The lords discuss who should rule in France. Should it be the Duke of York or the Duke of Somerset? Henry doesn't know who to choose. Humphrey supports the Duke of York. The Duke of Suffolk reveals that other lords want Humphrey to be king. This makes Humphrey stop endorsing York.



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Eleanor tries to employ a man named Hume. She is caught by York. Eleanor is arrested.

The court hears that there has been a miracle. A blind man can now see. He comes to court with his wife, but Humphrey sees that they are pretending. He sends them to be punished.

Eleanor is put on trial. She is banished. Henry tells Humphrey he can no longer be the Lord Protector. Eleanor warns Humphrey that he has many enemies.

Margaret and the Duke of Suffolk tell Henry that Humphrey is dangerous. The Duke of Somerset says that Henry's land in France has been taken by the French. Humphrey comes into the room and gets blamed. Humphrey is arrested and taken away. Margaret, Suffolk, Somerset and York all agree to murder Humphrey.

There is a rebellion in Ireland. York has to take soldiers to stop the rebellion. He believes that he can use these soldiers to become king. A man named Jack Cade is going to help York start another rebellion in England.

When Henry arrives to Humphrey's trial, he discovers that Humphrey is dead. People blame Suffolk for Humphrey's death. Henry orders that Suffolk is exiled. Margaret admits her love for Suffolk. Shortly after he is banished, Suffolk is killed.

## SONIC STORY

