

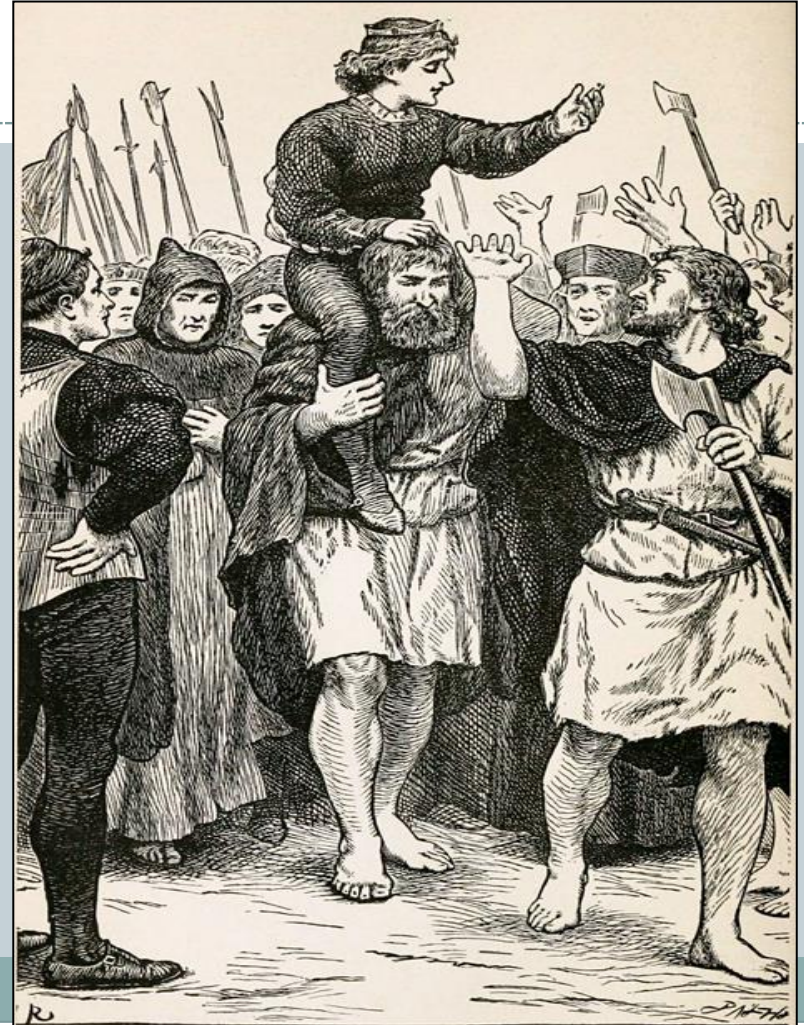
How did Lambert Simnel challenge Henry VII's reign?

L/O: TO EXPLAIN WHY THE REBELS USED SIMNEL IN THE CAMPAIGN

CHALLENGE 1: ASSESS THE THREAT TO HENRY'S REIGN

CHALLENGE 2: ANALYSE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT

KEY WORDS: PRETENDER AND MERCENARIES

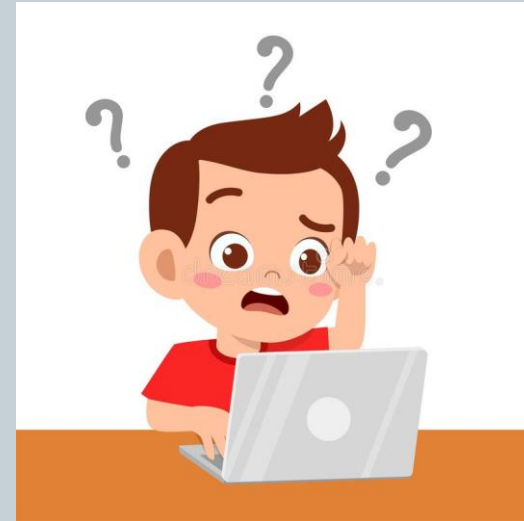


LAMBERT SIMNEL.

First task-catch up on the background reading...



- <https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/tudor-england/the-lambert-simnel-rebellion/>



When you find someone you have not heard of, please take 5 minutes to Google them and jot down a few notes.

Starting point...



Helpful tip: Before you start to race through this slide, make sure that you know something about the Battle of Bosworth, the differences between Yorkists and Lancastrians and the story behind the Princes in the Tower.

In the meantime - were the
'Princes in the Tower' still alive?



Richard III and Henry VII both had the problem of these princely 'threats' but if they were dead who would be the next threat?

Possibly, Edward, Earl of Warwick who had a claim to the throne



What is a 'pretender' ?



Royal descendant whose throne is claimed and occupied by a rival, or has been abolished entirely.

OR

...an individual who impersonates an heir to the throne.

The Role of Oxford priest Richard Symonds



Symonds was Lambert Simnel's tutor

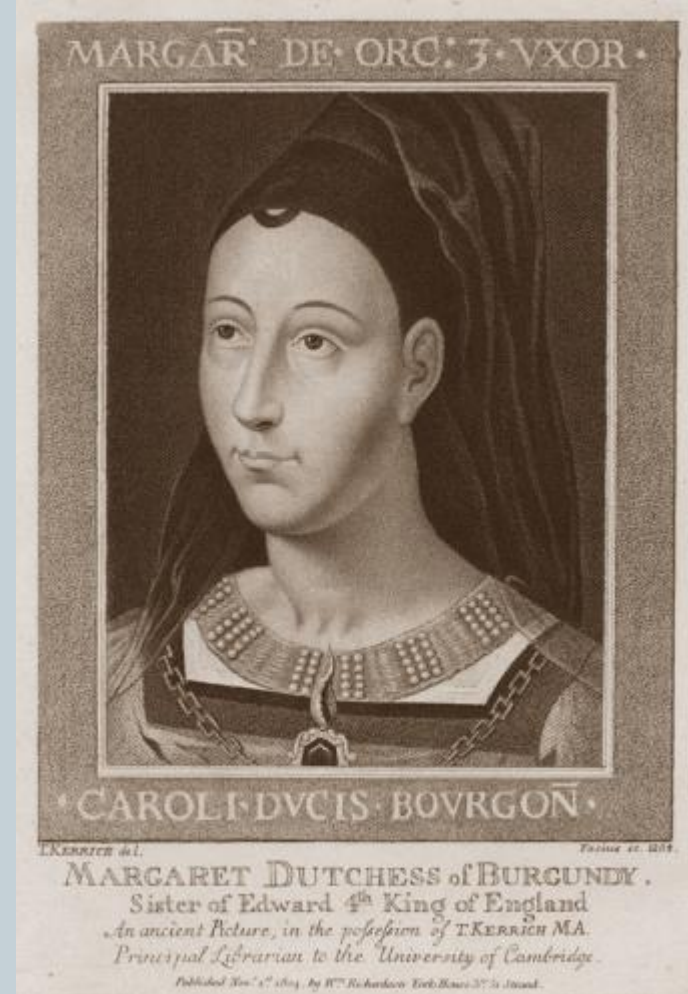
Yorkist Symonds thought Simnel looked like one of the Princes in the Tower

Plotted to use him as a focus for rebellion – tutored him in 'princely skills'

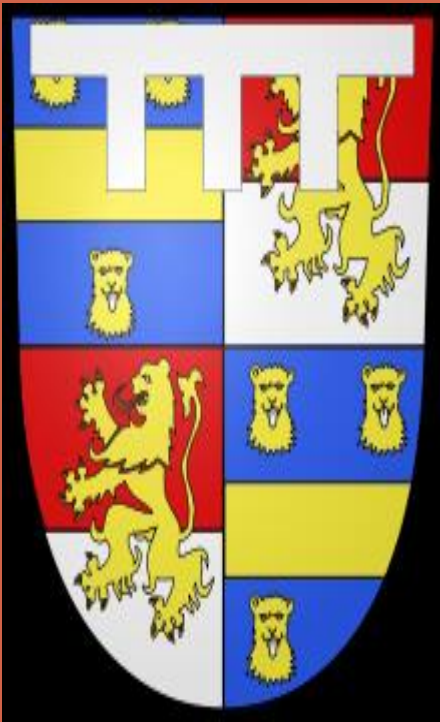
Instead, he changed his mind and decided to use him as an Earl of Warwick look-a-like

Margaret, Duchess of Burgundy

- Sister of Edward IV and Richard III – enemy of Henry VII
- Spring 1487 the Earl of Lincoln defects to Margaret's court – reunited with Lovell
- The Duchess gives the Simnel cause money and 2,000 mercenaries to be sent to Ireland



The Earl of Lincoln



- **John de la Pole, 1st Earl of Lincoln** 1462/1464 – 1487 was a leading figure in the Yorkist aristocracy during the Wars of the Roses
- He was *de facto* heir to the throne under the reign of his uncle Richard III
- After the death of Richard, de la Pole reconciled with the new Tudor regime, but two years later he organised a major Yorkist rebellion, involving Lambert Simnel
- Whether or not de la Pole intended to take the throne for himself has been widely suspected by historians.

The Role of Ireland



- The centre of Yorkist plotting
- They had sided with Richard III after the Duke of York had been a popular Lord Lieutenant there in the 1450s
- Ireland had a powerful nobility
- The influential Lord Deputy, Earl Kildare and others sided with Simnel



- Took Simnel to Ireland
- Irish proclaimed Simnel as Edward VI
- Supported by Margaret of Burgundy Edward IV's sister.
- This support prompted the Irish to proclaim him King in Dublin May 1487.

An unsuccessful outcome



The attack led by Schwartz and his mercenaries

Symonds & Simnel before the King...



The fate of Lambert Simnel



- Simnel working in the royal kitchen after Henry VII took pity on him – was this a wise thing to do?

What events threatened the King's authority the most? And what events helped him the most (and least)?

Refusal of the King's offer of a pardon

Punishment for the rebels e.g. execution

Support from abroad

Lack of local support from northerners

Support from nobility

Rebels in control of an invasion force

Parading the real Earl of Warwick through London

The crowning of Edward IV in Dublin

In pairs – complete the following tasks

Historiography...

- Find the views of two different historians on anything to do with the Simnel rebellion

Storyboard...

- Create a six pane storyboard on the Simnel rebellion, making a note of all the key characters, events and dates.
- Make a note of the historiography at the bottom
- In four sentences, assess the threat to Henry's reign

PEER ASSESS



Silent/solo work

- On your own in 10 minutes, please address the significance of foreign countries in the development of the Simnel challenge to Henry VII. Be sure to mention characters, countries, reasons, levels of threat, whether foreign help was useful or not (could they have done it without). Aim for one paragraph – about ten lines. Also include at least two opposing historians' views and an opinion/assessment from you too !!