***The Causes of the Wars of the Roses, 1450-99***

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| ***Long-term Causes*** | ***Short-term Causes*** |
| 1. Why did some members of the aristocracy become unhappy at the rule of Richard II? 2. Who was Henry Bolingbroke? Why was he unhappy with the rule of Richard II? What actions did he take? 3. Why did Bolingbroke’s actions set a dangerous precedent? 4. What is meant by the word ‘Depose’? | 1. What do the majority of historians believe was the short-term cause of the Wars of the Roses? 2. What does B.P Wolffe say was the outcome of Henry VI’s incompetence? 3. Who do Watts and Weir blame for the outbreak of the conflict? 4. What role did the War with France play in the outbreak of the conflict? 5. What event is seen as the opening of the Wars of the Roses? 6. What are retainers? How did they lead to an escalation of the conflict? 7. Why was the choice of side so difficult for many of the nobles? |