

Can You Solve Henry's Problems? 1

Action 1

Arrest all the senior members of the York family and lock them all up in the Tower. That will keep them out of your way. You could confiscate their land, too, and that would help increase your wealth.

Action 2

Be nice to the York family and hope that they accept that you are the new King. Maybe if they keep all their land and power they will settle for that and keep quiet.

Action 3

Marry someone from the York family to try to unite the two families. If the Yorks had a queen and the Lancasters had a king, maybe they would both be happy.

Action 4

Make sure you have the best-equipped army so that barons would think twice before attacking you. Building powerful cannons would make their castles useless.

Action 5

Make it illegal for barons to keep private armies. Observe them carefully and fine anyone who appears to break the law.

Action 6

Leave the barons alone. They are probably as sick of all the fighting as everyone else.

Action 7

Demand money from people all over the country. You could send money collectors to all parts of the country, force people to hand over the money and never pay it back – you are King after all! Use the money for lavish parties to remind people you are boss.

Action 8

Wars cost a lot of money. Do whatever you need to do: marry your children off, accept bribes, anything to avoid expensive foreign wars.

Action 9

Remember the country has just had a long period of fighting and division. Now is not the time to upset people with money (and weapons). Reduce the costs of the royal household, use as little money as possible and let things settle down to normal for a while.