1. The Civil wars between these two powerful groups were called the Wars of the Roses.
2. Eventually, two powerful groups emerged.
3. For most of the fifteenth century rival groups led by the King, barons and powerful nobles fought battles for the throne.
4. The final battle of the Wars of the Roses took place between Richard III (Yorkist King of England) and Henry Tudor (Earl of Richmond, of the House of Lancaster) at Bosworth in Leicestershire.
5. These groups were the House of Lancaster (whose emblem was a red rose) and the House of York (whose emblem was a white rose).
6. Introduction to the Battle of Bosworth.

Order F, C, B, E, A, D Background cards

Battle of Bosworth smaller cards

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| 1. Lord Stanley decided to fight for Henry. | 1. On August 22nd 1485, the two armies met near Bosworth in Leicestershire. |
| 1. However Henry’s army battled strongly ad held off the charge. The two armies fought to a standstill. | 1. Henry Tudor rode to Lord Stanley’s army to ask for help. Richard followed with a small force to try to catch Henry. |
| 1. Richard III placed his army at the top of Ambion Hill so that he could see what was happening. He held the advantage because he could fight downhill | 1. Henry Tudor and Lord Stanley’s armies defeated Richard. |
| 1. Henry’s army could not escape from the charge because they were surrounded by marshland. | 1. Henry Tudor brought his army to the bottom of the hill. Richard organised a charge, led by the Duke of Norfolk, down the hill. |
| 1. Richard III was killed at Bosworth and Henry Tudor became King Henry VII | 1. The Battle of Bosworth 22nd August 1485. |

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