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| http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks3/history/bosworth/images/henry_army_title.jpg  **Number of soldiers:** 5,000  **Allegiance/motivation:** Lancastrian (offensive)  **Battle position:** At the base of Ambion Hill, just north of some very marshy ground  **Quality of troops:** 2,000 experienced French soldiers, Welsh troops led by Welsh nobles such as Rhys ap Thomas and Sir Walter Herbert  **Focus in battle:** Killing Richard (winning the crown)  **Tactics:** Form a **tight-knot** around Henry to defend him  **Extra information:**   * Stanley had not prevented Henry’s march to Bosworth from Wales. * ), but could not trust his captainsalty of many of the soldiers recruited (exc. Stanley'osing not to, or being unable due to thA secret meeting with Stanley has taken place in Atherstone, the night before the battle. This has settled Henry’s nerves. * The loyal Earl of Oxford led Henry’s vanguard (front line troops). | http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks3/history/bosworth/images/northumberland_army_title.jpg  **Number of soldiers:** 3,000  **Allegiance/motivation:** Uncertain (should be Yorkist, but had previously supported Lancastrians)  **Battle position:** Ordered by Richard to the flank (side) of his army, to the east of Stanley)  **Quality of troops:** Highly motivated Yorkist troops (Northumberland resented this)  **Focus in battle:** Defeating Henry, checking any treasonous move by Stanley’s forces  **Tactics:**  Wait for orders from Richard, then **decide whether to comply**  **Extra information:**   * Northumberland had deliberately been slow to recruit his troops in support of Richard because he resented the support the king had in Yorkshire. * After Stanley had attacked Richard’s army, word was sent to Northumberland to attack him. Northumberland did not, either choosing not to, or being unable due to the marshy terrain. |
| http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks3/history/bosworth/images/stanley_army_title.jpg  **Number of soldiers:** 4,000  **Allegiance/motivation:** Unknown (connections with both sides)  **Battle position:** Closer to Richard’s army, but not in line with his formation  **Quality of troops:** Experienced and loyal to Stanley and his decisions  **Focus in battle:** Getting the best for himself out of the battle  **Tactics:** **Sit tight**, wait till Stanley knows who will win  **Extra information:**   * Stanley’s reaction to his son’s kidnapping by Richard was apparently, “I have other sons”. | http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks3/history/bosworth/images/richard_army_title.jpg  **Number of soldiers:** 8,000  **Allegiance/motivation:** Yorkist (defensive)  **Battle position:** Ambion Hill (Richard has taken the higher ground)  **Quality of troops:** Could rely on the experience and loyalty of many of the soldiers recruited (exc. Stanley’s), but could not trust his captains  **Focus in battle:** Killing Henry (defending his crown), reaffirming control over England’s nobles (e.g. Stanley)  **Tactics:** **Red mist** – put Henry in a vulnerable position and kill him  **Extra information:**   * Richard has taken Stanley’s son hostage as a guarantee that he will support him. * The loyal Earl of Norfolk (John Howard) led Richard’s vanguard (front line troops). He is killed by the Earl of Oxford’s vanguard at the beginning of the battle. |