

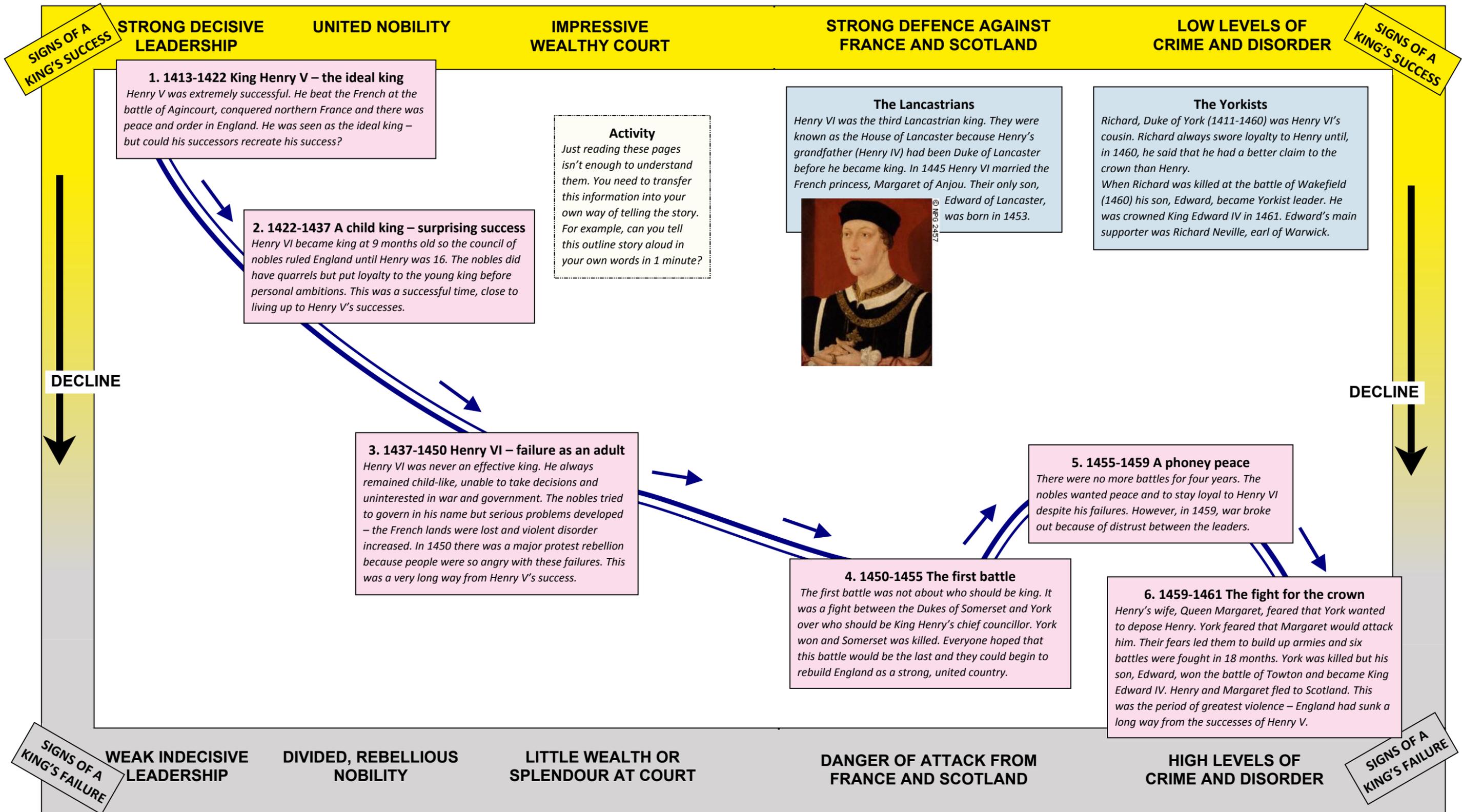
The Story of the Wars of the Roses to 1461

How long did the Wars of the Roses last and what was the overall pattern of events? Pages 4-7 give you an understanding of the outline of the whole topic, perhaps the most important 4 pages in the book!

The boxes tell you the story of events. The line of the graph shows you how successful the kings were in achieving the objectives set out along the gold bar. If the line of the graph is high on the page then a king was successful because England was united and peaceful. If the graph falls towards the bottom of the page then a king was a failure; war or rebellion had broken out.

The Essentials to 1461

1. England was ruled successfully by the nobles while Henry VI was a child.
2. Henry VI completely failed to provide effective kingship when he grew up.
3. The first battle was about who would be Henry's chief councillor. It was NOT a battle for the crown.
4. The nobles wanted to keep Henry as king despite his failures but he was deposed by Edward of York in 1461.



The Story of the Wars of the Roses Continues – 1461 to 1485

The Essentials 1461-1485

1. Twice Edward IV made England more peaceful - in the 1460s and the 1470s.
2. Almost everyone, including the nobles, wanted an end to violence and civil war.
3. Twice England plunged back into warfare because of the actions of a very small number of individuals.
4. The periods of fighting were quite short but they created great uncertainty and made further civil war more likely.

