



## Course details

### Course title

History: The Wars of the Roses: an introduction

### Course code

Q00020103

### Course date

Start: 26/03/25

End: 30/04/25

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 26th Mar, 9:30 to 11:30

Wed 2nd Apr, 9:30 to 11:30

Wed 9th Apr, 9:30 to 11:30

Wed 16th Apr, 9:30 to 11:30

Wed 23rd Apr, 9:30 to 11:30

Wed 30th Apr, 9:30 to 11:30

### Branch

Berkhamsted

### Tutor

Michael Long

### Fee range

Free to £44.40

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

## **Venue**

Online

## **Course overview**

An introduction to the violent conflict that dominated the middle years of the 15th century and shaped the future of England for generations to come. A period that Shakespeare described as a time of political intrigue, personal ambition, and moral corruption.

## **Course description**

The course examines the bitter struggle for the Crown of England in the mid-fifteenth century. A focus will be on the rivalries that developed and the inevitability of conflict. The story is one of violence and usurpation: sibling turning on sibling, uncles turning on nephews, and at the very core of it all, a struggle for the ultimate power: control of the throne of England. Lancastrians versus Yorkists. Notable figures who emerged included Richard Neville, who switched sides at different points, supporting the Yorkists and Lancastrians. Another pivotal figure is Richard Duke of York, whose wronged ego was a catalyst for the noble in-fighting that characterised the 1440s and 50s. It was a time characterised by dynastic instability and political chaos. The shifting of leadership and loyalties within the nobility and the shifting claims to the throne created a sense of mistrust among the ruling elite, fuelling the violence and bloodshed we call the Wars of the Roses

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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