



Shakespeare, William. *The second Part of Henry the Sixt, With the death of the Good Duke Humfrey.* In Mr. William Shakespeares comedies, histories, & tragedies: published according to the true originall copies. London: Isaac Jaggard and Edward Blount, 1623. Folger STC 22273 Fo.1 no. 68

The textual history of what we call *The Second Part of King Henry VI* is complicated. The play was first published as a quarto in 1594 (Q1) with the title *The First part of the Contention betwixt the two famous Houses of Yorke and Lancaster* and reprinted in 1600 (Q2). In 1619, the play was printed alongside *The Third Part of King Henry VI* (Q3) with some changes that correspond with the First Folio version (F1). In F1 (published in 1623), the play was titled *The Second Part of Henry the Sixt*, and its text is substantially different than the earlier editions, including it being longer. There has been much speculation about the relationship between the quarto texts and the folio, including which one came first. The First Folio version serves as the basis for most modern editions of the play.