



Mortimer, John Hamilton, artist. [*King Henry VI, pt. 3, portrait of York*] [graphic]. [18th century] Folger ART Box M888 no.5 (size L)

Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, was the Lancastrian Henry VI's principal antagonist for the throne of England. John Hamilton Mortimer's late 18th-century pencil drawing imagines the weeping Duke of York shortly before his death in Act 1, Scene 4, in which the Lancastrian Queen Margaret and her military commander taunt the Duke with a paper crown and offer "comfort" in the form of a handkerchief covered with his dead son's blood.

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