

History in Shakespeare's *King Richard III*: The Murder of King Edward IV's Sons

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Abstract

Who killed Edward V and his brother Richard the Duke of York? In Shakespeare's time there was no question but that Richard III had the two Princes murdered. Shakespeare's portrayal of Richard's plotting and the murder of the Princes is different, however, from the historical accounts he read. A comparison of the play with these accounts and a discussion of the reasons for the discrepancies will be the focus of this paper.
