

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

Richard III – Plot summary transcript

This is a play all about an ambitious weasel of a guy who's the baddest baddie ever. He becomes King, then dies.

This play would make a great game!
You win by getting the throne!
Let's call it ANGRY THIRDS!
Either that or Grand Throne Theft Plot-o.
Whatever it's a PEGI 18.

Who's up? It's Richard, his starting level is a Duke.
This should be interesting, because his brother Edward the IV is on the throne and Clarence, his other brother is nearer the throne than he is.

Surely he's not gonna play. Yup. He is. As a villain! And, he's off!

First he frames his brother Clarence on some bogus psychic advice to King Eddie.

When Clarence is banged up in the Tower of London, Richard gets him murdered.

Then Richard thinks, I gotta get a wife. I know, Lady Anne, the widow of some guy I murdered!
If you think that's crazy, she says 'YES'.

Then King Eddie, who's pretty sick, dies.
While everyone else is grieving, Rich is busy getting dead Queen Elizabeth's relatives murdered.

It's true what they say, "No rest for the wicked"!

Richard's buddy Buckingham whips up a crowd, shouting for him to be King. And Rich is like "King? Who me? I'm too busy praying"

...and MAN! They believe the Goody Two Shoes act and Richard gets the throne!

There's still a problem though. Eddie's sons, both heirs to the throne, are alive! And guess what? Richard bangs 'em up in the Tower, and gets them killed too!

He also thinks it's better to be married to Elizabeth's daughter, HIS NIECE, so Goodbye Anne!

Richard also says cheerio to his former pal Buckingham! Permanently. C'mon, Surely he's won the game? No!

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Here comes the Duke of Richmond! - He's playing as a Goodie.
It's battle time!

Oh! Rich is off his horse ...and he dies.

That's the thing about these throne based strategy games.
If you annoy the other players enough, they'll totally own you
in the end. Game over.