

Research Notes

A lot of the characters and scenarios in this play are either historical figures or set in the midst of actual historical events. The historical settings are important to the play and give the story extra depth and irony. Knowing a little of the background will give you a better understanding of the play itself and the characters in it and it will help add depth to your performances as actors.

When looking at scenes one and nine, It would be helpful to you to have a quick look at the following:

SCENE ONE



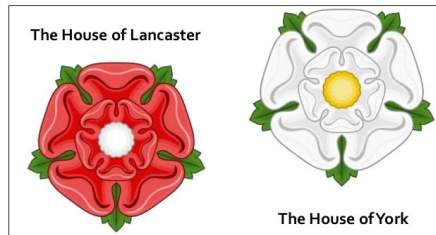
Elizabeth of York (1466 – 1503)

<http://www.historyextra.com/article/people-history/elizabeth-york-one-englands-most-successful-queens?>



Cecily of York (1469 – 1507)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecily_of_York



The Wars of the Roses (1455 - 1485)

<http://www.warsoftheroses.com/>

SCENE NINE

The song "Sweet Violets" is sung in this scene and will be taught during the audition. A version can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6A35rHifDG8>

Good luck and see you there. - Lois.