

Richard II

Richard II is a King who fills his court with people who tell him what he wants to hear, he wastes his money on fashion, luxuries and entertainments, he gives little thought to the people of his country.

He enjoys fighting wars and spends lots of time doing so. His uncle, John of Gaunt tries to tell him that he is ruining the country but he won't listen.

To fund his lifestyle Richard starts renting out lands and charging high rents and he decides to seize the estates of those who die – taking the money for himself instead of it going to their own children.

When his uncle John dies he seizes his estate for his own uses, taking it from John's son Henry (who he banished out of the country some years ago).

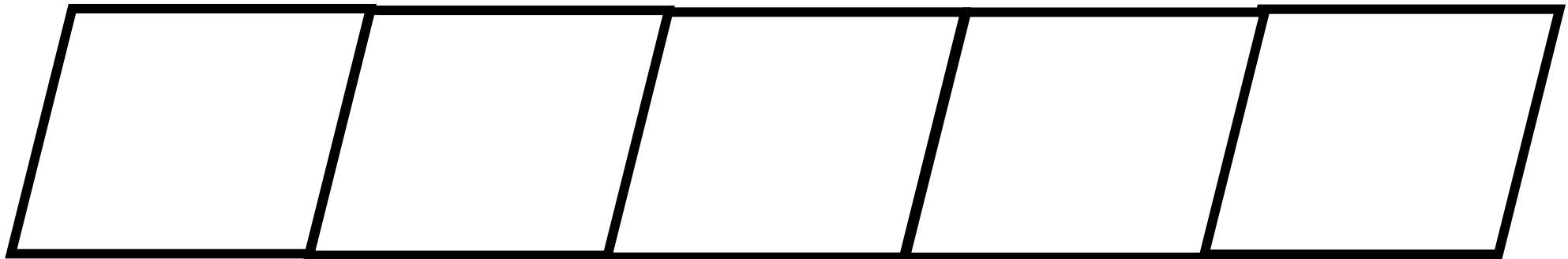
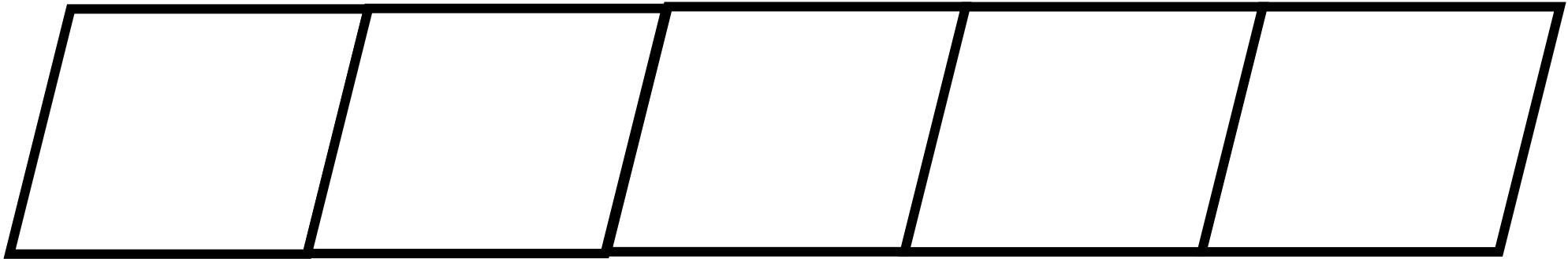
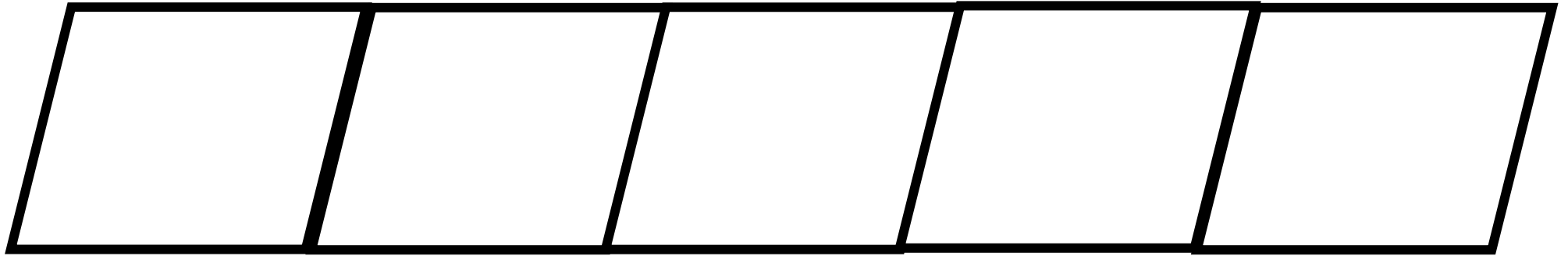
When he goes off to fight another of his wars in Ireland, Henry decides to raise an army and take back what is rightfully his.

He lands on the coast and marches up through the country, arresting Richard peacefully but publicly in Wales and sending him as a prisoner to Pomfret castle where Richard reflects on what has happened.

Henry is crowned King and has Richard killed but then accuses the assassin of misunderstanding his orders and that he did not want him to be killed.

ACTIVITIES –

1. Turn the story above into a cartoon in the storyboard below – be as creative as you like. It can be set at any time and in any place in the world or the universe.



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2. What kind of person do you imagine Richard to be at the start of the play?

Write a description of him as if you were his friend and enjoying all the luxuries he buys. What do you and he spend the time and money doing?

Now write a description of him as if you were one of the people in his kingdom who he doesn't care about. How do you feel about this King who wastes all his time and money?

3. Create a newspaper article about Henry coming back, arresting Richard and becoming King. Which parts of the story will you focus on? What picture will go with your article?

COLUMN ONE	PICTURE	COLUMN THREE
	COLUMN TWO	

4. Wordsearch to complete

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