

Spotlight Guide 2024 - 2025

Henry VI: Part 2 *She Wolf of France*



Young King Henry VI marries Margaret of Anjou, called by the 'she-wolf of France.' Little does he know that Margaret and his own Duke of Suffolk are in love and seeking to control the kingdom. But first, they plot to get rid of the King's uncle, Gloucester. As heads are chopped off, commoners rebel (led by the ruthless clown Jack Cade) and a war begins for the throne. At the end, the Duke of York and his sons (one of whom will become Richard III) gain ground on the King and prepare to seize the crown. In this "Bare Bard / Original Practices" production, actors will perform the play with a short rehearsal process, no designers, and no director – just like the acting companies of Shakespeare's time!

Lesson Plan and Activities

Page to Stage Lesson Plan - In this lesson, students will read and analyze an excerpt from Act V, Scene 2 of William Shakespeare's *Henry VI, Part 2* using the included handouts.

Shakespeare Taboo - Students will gain a new appreciation for Shakespeare's contribution to the English language.

Write a Review - After seeing the production, have each student write a review of Orlando Shakes' production of *Henry VI, Part 2*.

Florida Standards



LAFS.910.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
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LAFS.1112.SL.1: Comprehension and Collaboration
LAFS.910.W.1: Text Types and Purposes
LAFS.1112.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
LAFS.910.RL.3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
TH.912.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts
TH.68.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential

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Language, Stage Fighting and Death, Crude Humor, Suggestive Themes, Use of Alcohol, Violent Reference

Most appropriate for Grade 6 and up. Children under 5 will not be admitted to the theater.