

English 10
Background Notes *Henry V*

Here are topics for the *Henry V* background research. Your job is to provide loose notes on your topic so that we have some background established before we read the play in earnest. Use credible outside sources (.edu or .org or a known .com such as National Geographic). List your source in your notes, but don't worry about MLA style for this assignment.

It is not meant to be a big deal, and you should take no longer than a total of 30 minutes working on it. You may work in your group or on your own, having divided the material, but each student should turn in an assignment.

Topic 1: Give a quick overview of the Hundred Years' War.
Grace, Kit

Topic 2: Explain the bill we are reading about in 1.1, about the government's plan to take Church land.
Georgia

Topic 3: What motivated the historical Cambridge, Scroop, and Grey to treason?
Damaris, Isabella

Topic 4: What should we know about the characters who come to Henry V from earlier plays? Discuss their roles in the earlier plays.
a. Falstaff
b. Bardolph, Pistol, Nym, and Mistress Quickly
Valentina, Susanna

Topic 5: Give a quick overview of the historical Battle of Agincourt.
Erica, Katherine

Topic 6: Explore the family tree of Henry V (given in the book) and research a little about the logic needed for Henry to claim the French throne.
Sofia