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| **Henry VI was the reason why the Yorkists won at Towton** as he was not present at the battle. He was instead praying in York as it was Palm Sunday. This made Yorkist soldiers less likely to desert Edward as they were not committing treason as Henry was not present. | **The Yorkists archers were the reason why they won as Towton** as the wind changed direction blowing into the Lancastrians forces, making it easier for the Yorkist archers to fire into the Lancastrian forces. This was an incredibly effective tactic as it cleared large amounts of the Lancastrian forces. |
| **The weather is the reason why the Lancastrians lost.** There was a snowstorm which made it harder for the Lancastrians to see the Yorkist forces and their arrows. The Lancastrians forces could not avoid the arrows and they could not see the Yorkists well enough to fire at them. Lancastrian arrows fell short, and the Yorkists Archers picked these arrows up to use themselves. | **The Yorkists wanting revenge was the reason why they won at Towton**. Edward’s father, Richard Duke of York, and brother, Edmund earl of Rutland, had been murdered by Lancastrian forces only 3 months before at the Battle of Wakefield. |
| **Edward’s charisma and military leadership is the reason why the Yorkists won.** Edward slayed his horse in front of his troops to raise his soldier’s morale and declared he would fight on foot with his soldiers to the very end. | **The Duke of Norfolk is the reason why the Yorkists won at Towton** as he joined the battle late and the introduction of his forces gave the Yorkist a much-needed morale boost, and support which helped end the stalemate. |
| **Lancastrian mistakes are the reason why they lost at Towton** as the Lancastrian forces had destroyed the bridge over a river before the battle to stop the Yorkists from outflanking them. However, this stopped the Lancastrians from fleeing the battle to fight another day, instead thousands of Lancastrians soldiers, including 6 Lancastrian nobles were slaughtered in the river. | **Yorkist political manoeuvres are the reason why the Yorkists won at Towton** as the Yorkists declared Edward IV the King the day before the battle so that they could punish the Lancastrians for treason. This was an attempt to weaken the Lancastrian forces. However, the Lancastrians’ believed Henry was the true King, so it did not weaken the Lancastrian forces that much. |