



In early 1486, he married Elizabeth of York, daughter of Edward VI. Now the Lancaster family had a king and the York family had a Queen.

He made a new badge for his family. The white rose symbol of the York family was added to the red rose symbol of the Lancaster family to make the Tudor rose.



He made sure that he had the best cannons.



He forced the rich to give him money. He sent his ministers around England. If they found a large house they would force the owner to give them money. They would argue that if the owner had a large house then he had enough money to lend some to the King. Any money the King borrowed was never paid back.



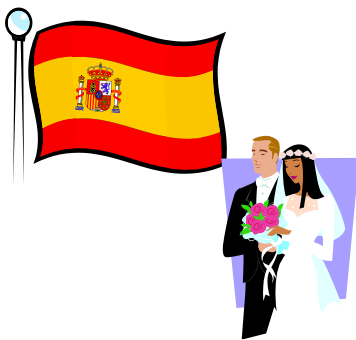
He forced the not so rich to give him money. If his ministers found a small house in need of repair they said that the owner was obviously saving his money rather than spending it, and so he must have money to give the King. Any money the King borrowed was never paid back.



Henry threatened to go to war with France. He told the French King he wouldn't fight if he was given £150,000. The French king gave him the money.



Henry got his eldest son, Arthur to marry the Spanish princess, Catherine of Aragon. He did this because he wanted to avoid a war with Spain.



Henry got his daughter married to the King of Scotland to make sure Scotland didn't invade England.



He banned private armies. Anyone baron who was found to still have a private army was fined. Henry once visited his friend the Earl of Oxford, who had lined up his servants in uniform along his drive to welcome the king. Henry took a few moments to admire the beautiful uniforms and then fined the earl £10,000 for keeping a private army.