### Act I, Scene I

**ENTERING CHARACTERS**
- King
- Gloucester
- Salisbury
- Warwick
- Cardinal
- Queen
- Suffolk
- York
- Somerset
- Buckingham

**EXITING CHARACTERS**
- King
- Duchess
- Messenger
- Messenger
- Gloucester
- Hume

**Space-time indication**
- Come, let us in

**Commentary and notes**
- Suffolk returning from France with the Queen whom he has married in Henry’s name.

### Act I, Scene II

**ENTERING CHARACTERS**
- Gloucester
- Duchess
- Messenger
- Messenger
- Gloucester
- Hume
- Duchess
- Hume

### Act I, Scene III

**ENTERING CHARACTERS**
- Petitioners
- Peter
- Suffolk
- Queen
- Servant
- Servant
- Peter

**EXITING CHARACTERS**
- Petitioners
- King
- Gloucester
- Cardinal
- Buckingham
- York
- Somerset
- Salisbury
- Warwick
- Duchess
- Gloucester
- Duchess
- Buckingham
- Gloucester
- Horner

**Commentary and notes**
- Minimal congestion: one exiter. Perhaps also offstage effects of rabble.
| I.iv | Margery Hume Southwell Bolingbroke Hume Duchess Hume York Buckingham Guard Guard Duchess Hume Guard Margery Hume Southwell Bolingbroke Guard Servingman Buckingham York Servingman | MARKED congestion, but minimised by stagger as smaller group completes exit at outwards door first; also flourish. Spirit ‘rises’: trapdoor (see I.ii.79 and II.i.166). Part of the force inside the house (captured Duchess in Gallery)? give me leave to be in post (74-5) |
| II.i | King Queen Gloucester Cardinal Suffolk Falcons One Mayor Simpcox Wife Townsmen Attendant Beadle Simpcox Mayor Beadle Wife Townsmen Buckingham King Queen Gloucester Cardinal Suffolk | MINIMAL congestion: two previous exiters, but covered by offstage effects of Falconers hallooing. |
II.ii
- Falconers
- Buckingham
- York
- Salisbury
- Warwick
- Our simple supper ended, give me leave, In this close walk

II.iii
- King
- Queen
- Gloucester
- Suffolk
- Buckingham
- Cardinal
- Duchess
- Margery
- Southwell
- Hume
- Officers
- York
- Salisbury
- Warwick
- Royal entrance from outwards: they have come out of the court to attend the hearing: 53: left I the court to see this quarrel tried.
- ...and then enter to them the Duke of Yorke, and the Earles of Salsbury and Warwicke.
- from hence to prison back again
- Quarto sd shows two groups, giving time for three conspirators to cross backstage and enter separately.
- at one door
- and at the other door

II.iv
- Gloucester
- His men
- Duchess
- Stanley
- Sheriff
- Officers
- Herald
- Herald
- Gloucester
- His men
- Duchess
- Stanley
- Sheriff
- Officers

III.i
- King
- Queen
- Cardinal
- Suffolk
- York
2 Murderers

SUFF. The King and all the peers are here at hand. (10)

KING. Go, call our uncle to our presence straight; Say we intend to try his Grace to-day. (14-15)

SUFF. I’ll call him presently, my lord. (17)

SUFF. Dead in his bed, my lord; Gloucester is dead. (28)

WAR. It is reported, mighty sovereign, That good Duke Humphrey traitorously is murder’d By Suffolk and the Cardinal Beaufort’s means. (121-2)

WAR. Stay, Salisbury, With the rude multitude till I return. (133-4)

SUFF. I’ll call him presently, my lord.
Suffolk
Warwick
Suffolk
Warwick
Salisbury
Salisbury
King
Somerset
Attendants
Warwick
Vaux
QUEEN. Go, Salisbury, and tell them all from me...(278)
Vaux
QUEEN. Whither goes Vaux so fast? Vaux. To signify unto his Majesty That Cardinal Beaufort is at point of death... Whispers to his pillow...(366-8, 374)
Suffolk
Queen
QUEEN. Go, tell this heavy message to the King. (378)
QUEEN. The King, thou know’st, is coming. (385)
SUFF. This way fall I to death.
QUEEN. This way for me. (411)

III.iii
Enter the King, Salisbury, Warwick,
MARKED congestion, but staggered entrances. Q has: Enter King and Salisbury, and then the Curtaines be drawne, and the Cardinall is discouered in his bed, raving and staring as if he were madde.
Returning from outwards.

IV.i
MINIMAL congestion, covered by alarums.

IV.ii
Two of the rebels, on the road

and would not exit outwards—when Suffolk later does so he is attacked).

Hostility of commoners drives Suffolk back in.

Royal party exits back outwards as King and Warwick confer.

Cardinal is on his death-bed, consonant with his previous exit inwards.

Vaux goes out towards King’s party.

Suffolk must leave before the King returns.

They part, Queen’s exit through inwards door definitively wiping the previous ‘discovery’, and breaking performance before next use of the deathbed at the inwards door.
Dick Smith Sawyer Others Some Clerk One Clerk Michael Stafford Broder Soldiers Stafford Broder Soldiers Cade Dick Smith Sawyer Others

Have dragged the Clerk out of the town.
Takes Clerk out to execution

Alarums to the fight, wherein both the Staffords are slain.
MINIMAL congestion: Alarums cover.
March to London is away from the battlefield.

King is reading a letter just arrived. Queen has received Suffolk’s head: justifies entrance from outwards
Exit outwards to take horse.

Cade etc. arriving in London.
Noises off would cover any slight congestion at outwards door, though exit of Scales is the final exit in previous scene.
From within London
They go to torch the city.

Alarums to be executed
to Cheapside
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| IV.vii | Cade, Buckingham, Clifford, others | Enter again Cade and all his rabblement. CADE. Dare any be so bold to sound retreat or parley, when I command them kill? | MINIMAL congestion; alarums cover. From the ‘battlefield’.
| IV.ix  | King, Queen, Somerset, Buckingham, Clifford, Multitudes, Messenger, Buckingham, Somerset, Multitudes, King, Queen | | with prisoners, Somerset to prison |
| IV.x   | Cade, Iden, Iden, Cade | | |
| V.i    | York, Army, Buckingham, Soldiers, King, Attendants, Iden, Queen, Somerset, Attendant, Edward, Richard, Clifford, Son, Warwick, Salisbury, York, Buckingham, King, Queen, Soldiers, Somerset, Clifford, Son, Warwick, Salisbury, Richard, Edward | | MINIMAL congestion: York arrives from Ireland with Drum and colours. They go out to the battlefield |
| V.ii   | Warwick, York, Clifford, Warwick | | MINIMAL congestion covered by alarums. |
Q has Young Clifford bearing his father ‘to his tent’ (see Arden appendix p. 193).