

FRANCE

HENRY VII

Spent his youth in Brittany and France.

1485:

Invasion of England supported by France, and a fleet of 2,000 mercenaries.

1487:

Brittany had supported rebels against the French.

French invade Brittany, Anne of Beajueau is regent.

Anne determined that Anne, heiress of Brittany should marry Charles VIII of France (young).

Francis of Brittany tries to get support from Spain, the Habsburgs, and England, but fails.

Commercial treaty remains between England and France.

1488:

Francis dies.

Duchess Anne needs foreign powers to support to stay independent from France.

French control of Breton ports were a strategic threat.

Expansion of France over the past three decades was a threat to England.

John Currin: Henry wanted *"a future campaign for recovery of Normandy and Guienne, and even for assertion of the Plantaganet claim to the French crown"*

1589:

Treaty of Redon: Duchess Anne to pay cost of 6,000 troops to support Brittany, and gave back the towns Morlaix and Concarneau to show commitment.

Henry is clear it is a defensive war, not renewal of 100 years war.

1489:

Treaty of Medina del Campo: Anglo-Spanish alliance to impede French expansion, partially.

Eventual joint war against France agreed.

English troops arrive in Brittany but distracted by Yorkshire tax revolt.

Treaty of Dordecht: Anglo-Burgundian alliance with Maximillian.

1490:

Spanish troops arrive in Brittany but distracted by Reconquista in Spain.

Treaty of Dordecht: Anglo-Burgundian alliance cemented.

1491:

France invade Brittany. defeat Breton and English forces.

Breton force divided.

Anne gives up, marries Charles VIII and Brittany is absorbed into France.

1492:

Henry VII invades France.

Wernham: *"Henry's mode was not the Lancastrian Henry V but the Yorkist Edward IV"*, it was an *"armed protest"* against the annexation of Brittany.

Treaty of Etaples: Charles VIII wanted to attack Italy in Italian Wars, so wanted to buy peace.

£150,000 French -> English, plus £5,000 p.a. Henry withdrew army, did not give up claim to the French throne. No Yorkist rebels. France to repay Breton debts to England.