4. Richards weaknesses

- Undoubtedly popular in the North, NOT the south.
- Narrow political base- Over reliant on many important nobles (in the north) eg Lovell, Ratcliffe and Cadesby. Worried about Stanleys loyalty, betrayal was his greatest fear.
- Usurper.
- Loses support over murder of the princes.
- Cronyism: putting people in the north in important positions in the south, eg Radcliffe was made governor of the South.
- Ruthless, made him unpopular.
- He had factional rivalry (Woodvilles, Hastings, Buckingham).
- Richard had seized the throne violently, was never able to escape from the shadow of suspicion.
- Never had a chance to effectively demonstrate whether he had the capacity for kingship
- False promise (Buckingham).