

Richard III  
Act II

Please answer the following questions as you read Act II of Richard III. Please think carefully and write in complete sentences and thoughts. Cite evidence from the text in your answers, but be careful...a quote alone will not answer the question. Please write your answers on a separate piece of paper.

1. What was King Edward attempting to do at the start of Act II? How does this play into Richard's plot?
2. What disturbing news does Richard deliver to the gathering at the beginning of the Act? What is Edward's reaction?
3. What is the reaction to Edward's death? What advice does Dorset and Rivers give to Elizabeth?
4. Who wants to leave and get the Prince of Wales? What do you think Buckingham and Richard are planning?
5. Discuss the opinions of the common people regarding the death of their King. What do they fear will happen now?
6. What has befallen the Party sent to bring the new King back to London?
7. What is the reaction of Elizabeth upon hearing the news concerning the party bearing the King back to London? What does she plan to do by the end of the Act?