

Outcomes of Henry's dealings with nobility		Historian's views	
Rewards	Some nobles handsomely rewarded e.g. Lord Thomas Stanley, becoming Earl of Derby, John Morton and John de Vere, the Earl of Oxford, and Jasper Tudor Reginald Bray did so well was able to leave £1000 p/a/ in his will	Carpenter	Henry misunderstood the nature of the partnership between nobility and monarch. His use of bonds and recognisances was so severe by the end of the reign nobles were comparing him with King John
Situation in 1485		P Williams	Not anti-noble, but mistrustful of the nobility, especially in their traditional power bases
Lords	Many not of age, incumbents having been killed in Wars of Roses, or great families having died out due to lack of male heirs Also had gained control of vast lands, such as Earl Of Warwick's midland estates, lands of Duke of Norfolk who had died at Bosworth and lands of Buckingham who had been executed by Richard III	J.R. Lander	Use of bonds and recognisances created 'an atmosphere of chronic watchfulness, fear and suspicion.'
Lords	Reduced land, wealth and support of the nobility by using a combination of rewards and threats. Some, such as Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset, could not be trusted and had their lands taken away	Dawson	Not anti-noble at all- made good use of nobles in practical and sensible ways
Measures taken		Measure taken	
Raised few to peerage	Total number of nobles fell from 50 to 35, and of major peerages number fell from 16 to 10- meant was less opportunity for rebellion. He DID raise his uncle Jasper Tudor to Duke of Bedford	Used Acts of Attainder	Passed 138 Acts of Attainder after Bosworth, and 51 alone after 1504 (increased number probably due to dynastical instability after death of Arthur). Willing to reverse if he thought would buy him loyalty (did so 46 times). Also charged for removal e.g. Sir Thomas Tyrell had to pay £1738. Reversed Thomas Howard's after showing loyalty in 1487 and restored him to Earl of Surrey after quelling Yorkshire rebellion in 1489
Passed Act of Resumption	Gave him control of all land given away by the Crown since 1455 meaning had more land for himself or to give away	Took control of all gunpowder stores	Meant was harder for nobles to lead armies
Used Order of the Garter	Gave 37 people Order of Garter including to Sir Reginald Bray and Giles Daubeney. Critically was way of rewarding without giving away land or money and increasing influence	Used bonds and recognisances	Financial controls- nobles were forced to promise loyalty and placed in debt, which would become active if they broke these promises e.g. Earl of Northumberland and Archbishop of York were charged £2000 each to keep the peace and Earl of Shrewsbury had to put up £500 for several of his friends- he was guaranteeing their good behaviour. Maintained by Council Learned. Marquis of Dorset had to promise almost all his lands and £11,000 in 1492 after being suspected of involvement in Simnel affair. Frequently did not have to actually pay though- just promise to
Made greater use of JPs	JPs used in localities as a means of weakening power of local lords. Also made use of Council of Wales, Prince Bishops in Durham. Aim was to weaken local lords, combined with only relying on local lords that he really trusted	Restricted ownership of retainers	Passed two laws against in 1485- forced retainers to swear they would obey existing laws on retaining. In 1504 introduced new Act which said retainers had to have a license and for every illegal retainer would have to pay £5 per month. Many retainers forged accounts. Lord Burganvenny found guilty of illegal retaining in 1506 and placed under recognisance to pay £70,000. Actually only paid £5000 over 10 years shared amongst 35 other people. Didn't outlaw completely as could be useful- de Vere, Earl of Oxford, provided troops that helped him to win Battle of Stoke, but did punish if flouted regulations as actually happened to Earl of Oxford
Key Vocab			
Retaining	Practice of keeping people in a household to provide service	Peerage	Ranks of nobility
Bond	Written promise of good behaviour	Recognisance	Acceptance that money was owed