

## **Guidelines for the First Written Review Primary Sources Regarding the Battle of Bosworth Field**

The Battle of Bosworth Field has been interpreted many different ways, and Shakespeare's perspective (from *Richard III*) is far from the only one available. Because the battle was not well documented by those who were immediately present, it serves as an excellent study in the different interpretations of events which stem from differing political and social agendas.

- 1) Go to the primary source page for the Battle of Bosworth Field. URL:  
<http://www.r3.org/bosworth/chronicl.html>
- 2) Read through the documents in the categories of Government Sources; Independent English Reporters; and Foreign Reporters and Chroniclers. Be aware of the differences in the sources, and their perspectives, as you read.
- 3) Read through one of the accounts in the category, "The Mainstream of Tudor Historiography." **Do not choose source 'a' by Bernard Andre -- it's too short to be useful.** These are accounts written long after the Battle, when the Tudor Monarchy is established and has extensive popular support.
- 4) **In 3-5 pages, referring to at least four sources specifically**, discuss the differences in interpretation found in these early sources. What are some of the key differences in the way the Battle is portrayed or interpreted? How are the biases and agendas of the different authors reflected in these documents (and what are they)? In regard to the sources written much later, how does the recollection change with the passage of time?