

2 Henry IV

War, Conflict and Violence

- In *Henry IV Part 2*, the rebellion against King Henry continues to cause civil war.
- There are on stage sword fights, e.g. between Falstaff and Pistol.

Death and Grief

- The play opens with Northumberland receiving the news that Hotspur (his son) has died, and we see Northumberland grieve this loss.
- We see the death of King Henry IV, and King Henry V having to come to terms with his new role as the monarch in the midst of his grief.

Fatphobia

- Like *Henry IV Part 1*, *Part 2* includes many disparaging jokes about Falstaff's weight.

Alcohol

- Falstaff's excessive drinking could be triggering for some, especially as it often framed as an addiction which leads to money troubles.

Child Mortality

- In Act 1, Scene 3, there is an allusion to still-birth and in Act 4, Scene 2, miscarriage is used as a metaphor.
- In Act 5, there are repeated references to miscarriage in the scene where Doll Tearsheet is arrested.

Xenophobia/ Religious Prejudice

- Associations of the Ottoman Empire or 'Turks' (also a derogatory term for Muslims) with tyranny.