

A summary of the play

**Act 1,
Scene 1**

The audience are introduced to Richard in his first soliloquy in which he sets out his plan to be a great villain as he can not get a lover. His first act will be to have his brother, Clarence, imprisoned and executed.

Clarence appears between guards and naively believes Richard when he tells him he will help him but Richard has spoken ambiguously and actually means he intends to have Clarence killed.

**Act 1,
Scene 2**

A summary of the play: continued

