In this course we’ll be using the Arden Text Editions of William Shakespeare’s four history plays: King Richard II, King Henry IV Part I, King Henry IV Part II, and King Henry V. These four volumes are available both in the Bay Tree Bookstore and downtown at The Literary Guillotine Bookstore.

It’s really important for everyone to have the same text so that when we read passages out loud and talk about them (which will happen all the time) everyone will be on the same page. There are lots of different editions of the plays, so if you get another edition you’ll be on the wrong page most of the time in class discussion, and this will screw everything up.

King Richard II Third Series
Ed. Charles R. Forker

King Henry IV Part 1 Third Series
Ed. David Scott Kastan

King Henry IV Part 2 Third Series
Ed. James C. Bulman

King Henry V Third Series
Ed. T.W. Craik

FOR THE FIRST CLASS MEETING, READ AS MUCH OF KING RICHARD II AS YOU CAN: AT VERY LEAST, TRY TO GET THROUGH ACTS ONE AND TWO, O.K.???? O.K. AND HOW DO YOU LIKE THE CHARACTER OF RICHARD? IS HE CLASSY? IS HE KLUTZY?