**Henry VII, Pretenders and Rebellions by Jez Ross | Published in History Review2012**

**(Making use of an article – in your booklet on pages 13 – 18 we have printed a copy of an article about Henry’s level of danger during his reign)**

1. What is the specific set of circumstances that are necessary for a threat to be viable?
2. Why does Jez Ross think that Henry was stronger than the pretenders?
3. What however, remained a problem for him throughout his reign?
4. What advantages did it give him that Richard was his predecessor?
5. **A comment on how historians write. Have you noticed what Ross’s point is here? Have you seen how he links back to it at the end of this section? What is his point? Do you think he makes a good case to support it?**
6. **POINT**
7. How does he confirm his point?
8. Do you think he makes his case convincing? Give your reasons.
9. Ross goes on to say in the next section, that Henry was not particularly popular, but this wasn’t a problem. Why not?
10. Ross refers to another historian when describing the level of threat at Stoke. Who is the historian and what did he say?
11. What does Ross say to challenge this assertion?
12. What does Susan Brigden say that might indicate Henry was in danger of disloyal nobles?
13. Why does Ross think that is not in fact the case?
14. What does Ross think had meant that nobles were less likely to engage in a violent fight?
15. What made sure that the “malcontents” in 1495 were speedily put down?
16. What showed The Holy Roman Emperor, Maximilian Habsburg, that supporting Perkin Warbeck was “too high a price to pay” and what did this prompt him to do?
17. Why does foreign support on its own, not endanger a king?
18. Obviously foreign intervention would be a problem though, why does the French threat go away?
19. Why did Henry’s wealth help him keep foreign powers from receiving help?
20. What evidence is there in the conclusion that Henry stayed nervous?
21. What is Ross’s conclusion?
22. Do you think it leads naturally out of what he has said in the rest of the article? Think about this one – it is a skill you should develop – making a case and then showing how that has lead you to your concluding judgement.