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What then is Honor?

Falstaff uses his wit to persuade the audience into adopting his worldview. By this soliloquy he entertains and mocks the dead Hotspur, he even gestures to them that death is foolish for the sake of honor. Though this type of sacrifice is looked upon as honorable, he neglects to realize that it challenges the existing government into making changes. Though Hotspur's reasons for war were selfish, at times it is necessary to maintain law and order. Without soldiers fighting in battles, evil forces could rule the world and governments could make war and rule as they please, good or bad.

Eventhough the little types of honor are looked upon as being too small for huge amounts of praise, remaining loyal to ones family and friends are what makes life worth living. Though very small, their little steps go a long way. The ultimate sacrifice is the quick and easy way to look valiant and brave, Hotspur was willing to die for what he believed in. This meant exterminating an unfit and ugly king. Or perhaps, getting greedy to divide England once the king was killed. To him, Dying would have been better than having to look at a such murderous king. He took little steps of nobility until it came time to take the big step. Falstaff doesn't discipline himself to anything but carnal pleasures. Loving sack and women, he is content to live one day at a time and not be bothered with affairs of organization and administration. How could he really be an authority on honor?