CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF PRINCE HAL

You do not normally expect to find the heir to the throne in a brothel or tavern, but is Hal an ordinary prince? Prince Hal, played by Alex Hassel, is the careless and irresponsible son of King Henry IV. The young heir to the throne begins the play inebriated, crawling out of a bed in the local Eastcheap brothel.

Prince Hal is commonly in the company of the comical Shakespearian character that is Sir John Falstaff. Falstaff can be seen as the surrogate father of Hal, as the young Prince's relationship with his biological father is strained by his candid, careless behaviour.

Throughout the story Hal transforms into the brave and courageous knight that the people of England can truly see as king, eventually slaying the hot-headed Hotspur and impressing his father, King Henry IV.