

Game of thrones has consistently cut all mentions of the history of the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros. The Great houses are the most powerful of the noble houses of the Seven Kingdoms.

The Gardeners, Hoares, and Durrandons were slain and replaced by the Tyrells, Greyjoys, and Baratheons respectively, while the Lannisters, Arryns, and Starks surrendered peacefully and were allowed to remain in control of their lands. In addition, Aegon raised up the Tullys to rule over the Riverlands, which had been under ironborn occupation prior to his arrival. Only House Martell of Dorne resisted his armies, but was later brought into the fold through a peaceful marriage-alliance some two centuries later.

Current Great Houses

- House Arryn rulers of the Vale of Arryn from the castle of the Eyrie . Currently under the control of Petyr Baelish (integrated with the Kingdom of the North).
- House Frey rulers of the Riverlands from The Twins. Walder Frey and two of his sons were killed by Arya Stark after the Battle of the Bastards, leaving its Lordship uncertain.
- House Greyjoy rulers of the Iron Islands from the castle of Pyke. Currently in rebellion against the Iron Throne and divided into warring factions led by

Euron and Yara Greyjoy.

- House Lannister the de facto royal house of the Seven Kingdoms from the Red Keep of King's Landing in the Crownlands and rulers of the Westerlands from the castle of Casterly Rock.
- House Stark rulers of the North from the castle of Winterfell. Currently preparing for a second rebellion against the Iron Throne.
- House Tyrell rulers of the Reach from the castle of Highgarden. The bloodline is scattered when the Great Sept of Baelor is destroyed. Currently in support of House Targaryen's bid for the Iron Throne.

Former Great Houses

- House Targaryen claimant royal house of the Seven Kingdoms, former royal house and rulers of the Crownlands from the castle of the Red Keep. Currently sailing to Westeros to take back the Seven Kingdoms.
- House Tully the former rulers of the Riverlands, ruling from Riverrun, until the Red Wedding. Riverrun is currently under House Lannister's control.