



**Lesson 1:**

Read the text below and answer the questions on the next page.

# The Tudors

The Tudors ruled England for 118 years and are one of the most famous families in history. Their **reign** started with King Henry VII in 1485 and ended when Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603. In that time, the country went through many changes.

**Who Were the Tudors?**

'Tudor' is the surname that each of the kings and queens during this period had. When Henry Tudor defeated Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, he became King. He took the name Henry VII but his surname was still 'Tudor', which meant that it was the beginning of England's Tudor period.



**The Tudor Rose**







Henry VII's family sign was a red rose. Elizabeth of York's family sign was a white rose. When he married her in 1486, the signs came together to create a completely new red and white flower. This was known as the Tudor Rose and it is still used as a symbol of England today.



**Henry VIII**

When Henry VII died in 1509, his son came to power. His name was Henry VIII and he went on to become one of history's most famous figures. In his 37-year reign, Henry VIII had six wives, created a new church and ordered more than 70,000 people to be executed!

Henry's first act as King was to marry Catherine of Aragon, who was once married to Henry's brother. However, he divorced her in 1533 because she hadn't given him a son. Henry then married Anne Boleyn; she didn't give him a son either so Henry had her beheaded! In all, Henry VIII had two wives executed and he divorced two of them. One wife died of natural causes and one survived him.

<p><b>1. Catherine of Aragon</b></p>  <p><b>Divorced</b></p>	<p><b>2. Anne Boleyn</b></p>  <p><b>Beheaded</b></p>	<p><b>3. Jane Seymour</b></p>  <p><b>Died</b></p>
<p><b>4. Anne of Cleves</b></p>  <p><b>Divorced</b></p>	<p><b>5. Kathryn Howard</b></p>  <p><b>Beheaded</b></p>	<p><b>6. Catherine Parr</b></p>  <p><b>Survived</b></p>

## The Church of England

When the **Pope** refused to allow Henry to divorce his first wife, it made him very angry. He wanted to get his own way and so he made his own strand of Christianity, calling it the Church of England. He named himself as head. That way, he gave himself permission to divorce Catherine!

## Henry's Children

After Henry VIII died in 1547, three of his children went on to rule England. His son, Edward VI, was very young when he became King and died when he was just 15. Mary I was known for being cold-hearted but Elizabeth I was the most famous of all. She was Queen for 44 years, until she died in 1603, ending the Tudor period.

### Did You Know...?

Lady Jane Grey became Queen after Edward VI died. She only reigned for nine days before Mary I was announced as Queen!



## Tudor Kings and Queens

**Henry VII – 1485-1509**



**Henry VIII – 1509-1547**



**Edward VI – 1547-1553**



**Jane Grey – July 1553**



**Mary I – 1553-1558**



**Elizabeth I – 1558-1603**



## Glossary

**Pope:** Head of the Roman Catholic Church.

**reign:** To rule as king or queen.

**Spanish Armada:** A fleet of warships from Spain that attacked England.

# Questions

1. Who was the first Tudor to rule England?

- King Henry VII
- King Henry VIII
- Queen Mary I
- Queen Elizabeth I

2. Where does the name 'Tudor' come from?

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3. Whose family symbols came together to create the Tudor Rose?

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4. Explain how you think Henry VIII felt in 1509. Think of two different emotions and explain why you think he felt that way.

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5. Explain how Henry VIII's first wife was already known to the family.

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6. ***He wanted to get his own way and so he made his own strand of Christianity, calling it the Church of England.***

Imagine you are the Pope. Write Henry VIII a short message explaining how you feel about what he has done.

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7. Which two women did Henry VIII divorce?

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8. Match the numbers to these events in the text, so that they are in order. The first one has been done for you.

- The Spanish Armada is defeated.
- 1 Henry Tudor defeated Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth.
- Elizabeth I becomes Queen.
- Henry VIII married Anne Boleyn.
- Henry VII died in 1509.



**Lesson 2:** There were lots of different monarchs and wives in the Tudors reign!

1. Read the above Tudor information again.
2. On a piece of paper or on your iPad on an app such as a Keynote or Notes, create a Timeline of all the Tudor Kings and Queens using key dates.

### **Lesson 3: Creative Writing**

Use adjectives and key vocabulary to describe Henry VIII. Include fronted adverbials and a range of punctuation.

You can write this on paper, in Keynote or in the Notes App.



**Make a list of adjectives to describe him.**

E.g. Proud, strong, regal

**Long Write: Here is an example opening sentence:**

Standing proud, Henry VIII with his regal attire, seemed every inch the strong monarch.

## Art / Design Technology

The Tudors had a specific style of clothing design. Imagine you are the new King / Queen in the Tudor times and have been allowed to design your own new outfit.

You can draw these designs on paper or your drawing app or you could collage them if you have any creative materials.



Here are some examples of Tudor design. The 2 people next to Henry VIII in the middle are poorer in contrast to the rich people on the ends.