

Key Vocabulary

- Monarch – king or queen
- Reign – the time in which someone is ruling the country.
- Heir – a person who would become king or queen in Tudor times.
- Breeches - short trousers fastened just below the knee
- Kirtle – a woman's gown
- Annul – to cancel a marriage
- Succeeded – the next person to be king or queen
- Treason - the crime of betraying your country

Off with her head!

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History - The Tudors 1485-1603



Key Knowledge

- The Tudor period is the period between 1485 and 1603. This was when the Tudors were the ruling family in England.
- The first Tudor monarch was King Henry VII who claimed the throne when his forces defeated Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485. He ruled until his death in 1509.
- The Tudor rose was created when Henry VII brought an end to the Wars of the Roses (an ongoing battle between two royal groups – the House of Lancaster and the House of York).
- Following his father's death, Henry VIII became King of England in 1509 and ruled until his death in 1547.
- If you were a child in a Tudor school, you'd better behave! Teachers were very strict and would punish pupils with 50 strokes of the cane.
- Some of the board games the Tudors played are still enjoyed today, such as chess, backgammon and card games!
- Tudor houses are very distinctive and many can still be seen today. The houses had a wooden frame with walls made from "wattle and daub" – a building material consisting of wooden strips covered with mud, clay and wet soil.
- A castle is a large strong building, built in the past by a ruler or important person to protect the people inside from attack. They were both a home and a fortress.
- They didn't have cameras in Tudor times so rich people would get artists to paint portraits of them!



Key Figures



- Henry VIII – born 1491 and died 1547
- Became king aged 17
- Henry VIII grew up as a Catholic, but established the Protestant Church of England
- He married 6 times, and beheaded 2 of his wives!



- Elizabeth I was the last Tudor monarch (king or queen)
- Elizabeth I was King Henry VIII's youngest daughter, and her mother was Anne Boleyn.
- The 44 years in which Elizabeth I ruled England are called the Golden Age, because England was very prosperous.

