



Were the Tudors really so terrible?

HISTORY
Year 5
Summer Term

Overview

Kings and Queens in the Tudor family ruled England between 1485 and 1603. The first Tudor monarch was King Henry VII who claimed the throne when his army defeated Richard III in 1485. He ruled until his death in 1509. Following his father's death, Henry VIII became King of England in 1509 and ruled until his death in 1547. Henry VIII is well known for his six marriages – and having two of his wives beheaded!



However, his religious reforms led to the dissolution of the Catholic Church and the formation of the Church of England that we have today. The Tudor period ended with the death of Henry VIII's daughter Elizabeth I. In this unit, we will explore the life of Henry VIII and how his actions impacted the Britain we live in today. We will also look at what it was like to live during the Tudor times.

Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Describe links and contrasts within and across different periods of time.
- Use key vocabulary when discussing and describing historical events.
- Demonstrate knowledge of an aspect or theme in British history that extends their chronological knowledge beyond 1066 (Impact of religious changes under the Tudors).

History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Identify where people, places and periods of time fit into a chronological framework.
- Discuss and debate historical issues.
- Use a wider range of primary and secondary sources as a basis for research to answer questions and test hypotheses.
- Construct responses to historical hypotheses and questions that involve selecting and evaluating relevant historical information including dates and terms.
- Recognise how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of primary and secondary sources.
- Choose relevant ways to communicate historical findings.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- To build a model of a Tudor building.
- Draw a picture of a Tudor monarch.
- Create a fact file about life during the Tudor Times.

Topic Vocabulary

catholic – the Catholic Church is the branch of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader and is based in the Vatican in Rome

dissolution – the action of formally ending or dismissing an assembly, or official body

divorce – when a person officially ends a marriage

monarch – a person who reigns over a kingdom or empire

political – groups of people that work to be in charge of a government

Protestant – a member of a Christian church separate from the Catholic Church

social – relating to society or its organisation

Tudors – a Welsh-English family that ruled England and Wales from 1485 to 1603

Treason – the betrayal of one's country (for example: waging war against it or providing information to the enemy)

Working Historically

AD (Anno Domini) – after Jesus was born

artefact – an object made by a human being, typically of historical interest

BC (Before Christ) – before Jesus was born

chronology – in time order

evaluate – to determine the value and worth of a historical source

historical evidence – a piece of information that can help us understand the past

historian – a person who studies or writes about the past

source (primary/secondary) – a piece of writing or an object that historians can use to find out about the past