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Henry VIII – Year 4 Autumn 1 2022

Share this information with your family. You could do some more research too!

Who was Henry VIII?

- Henry VIII was born on 28 June 1491 in London, at Greenwich Palace.
- As a young prince, Henry VIII was never expected to become king, but when his older brother (Arthur) died unexpectedly at the age of 15, Henry became **heir** to the throne.
- Henry VIII became the **King of England** in 1509, when his father (Henry VII) died.
- Henry VIII was King of England and Ireland from 21 April 1509 until 28 January 1547. He is one of the most famous **monarchs** in English history.



Hampton Court Palace

What was Henry VIII like?



- Henry VIII was over six feet tall and loved jousting, hunting, composing music and throwing big, expensive parties!
- Henry wanted to show off all his wealth and built many magnificent palaces (like **Hampton Court Palace**) and castles that would impress people.
- Henry VIII was also known for being a ruthless king. He handed out **executions** to anyone who questioned his power as king!

Henry VIII's six wives

Throughout his life, Henry VIII had six wives:

- Henry VIII's first wife was **Catherine of Aragon**. They divorced in 1533.
- **Anne Boleyn** became Henry's second wife after they married in 1533. Henry later had her beheaded!
- On 30 May 1535, King Henry married **Jane Seymour**. She sadly died in 1537.
- **Anne of Cleves** married Henry in 1540 but he divorced her a few weeks later!
- In 1540, Henry married **Kathryn Howard** but she was beheaded two years later.
- **Catherine Parr** was Henry's last wife. They married in 1543.



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The English Reformation

- One of the biggest changes that Henry VIII brought about during his **reign** was the **English Reformation**.
- After 24 years of marriage, his first wife, Catherine, had failed to give Henry a male **heir**.
- Henry was frustrated so he went to **the Pope** to ask for a divorce from Catherine, but the Pope wouldn't allow it.
- Unhappy with the Pope's decision, Henry took matters into his own hands.
- He broke away from the **Catholic Church**, created his own **Church of England** and named himself the head!



- Henry VIII loved spending lots of money!
- Henry VIII had three children: **Mary**, **Elizabeth** and **Edward**.
- When Henry VIII died, his son (Edward) became King at just nine years old!
- Henry's daughter Elizabeth later became queen too. She was known as **Elizabeth I**.

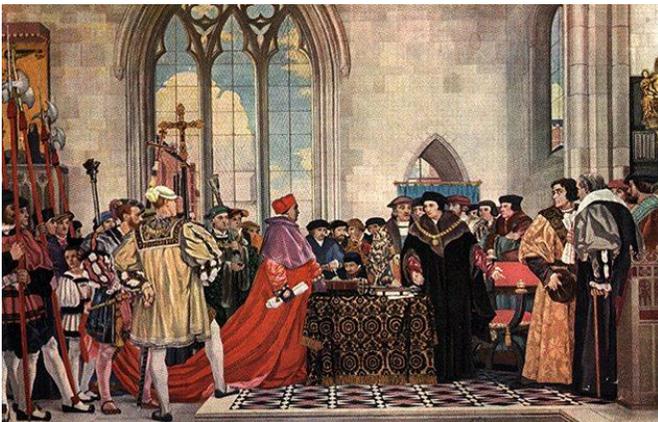
Project for Home Learning

Can you find out more about Henry VIII and present your learning in a creative way?

You could...

- create a powerpoint presentation showing your research
- ask your adult to help you bake something from the Tudor times
- create a portrait of Henry VIII or one of his wives
- design and make a crown Henry VIII might have worn

or anything else you can think of!



Fascinating Facts!

- Henry VIII was part of the **Tudor** period of history. The Tudor period lasted from 1485 to 1603.
- Henry VIII was just 17 years old when he became King.
- Henry was a talented composer of music throughout his life.