

# Tudors

## History

## Knowledge Organiser



## Key Facts

- Six Tudor monarchs ruled England between 1485-1603
- The Battle of Bosworth ended the civil war known as the War of the Roses between the House of York and the House of Lancaster
- During Tudor rule, there were significant changes to daily life, politics and religious beliefs in Britain.
- Religion was very important in Tudor times—you had to attend church and if you didn't follow the same part of Christianity as the monarch, you could get arrested, imprisoned or even executed.
- When the Pope refused to give Henry VIII permission to divorce Catherine of Aragon and remarry. His decision to set up the Church of England caused great divide in Britain.
- While Edward VI was Protestant, when Mary I came to the throne she wanted to change the religion of the country back to Catholicism
- Elizabeth I was Protestant but wanted the country to become more tolerant and stop the religious violence.

## Chronology

1485	Henry Tudor defeats Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth. Henry VII crowned king
1486	Henry VII marries Elizabeth of York to unite the houses and end the war of the Roses
1509	Henry VII dies and is succeeded by his son Henry VIII. Henry marries Catherine of Aragon
1516	Mary I is born
1528	Henry appeals to the Pope to annul his marriage to Catherine so that he can marry Anne Boleyn
1533	Henry divorces Catherine of Aragon and marries Anne Boleyn. Elizabeth is born.
1534	Henry VIII forms the Church of England, separating England from the Catholic Church. He makes himself head of the Church of England
1536	Anne Boleyn is executed. 11 days later, Henry marries Jane Seymour
1536-41	Dissolution of the monasteries
1537	Prince Edward is born but a few days later, Jane dies.
1540	January—Henry marries Anne of Cleves but divorces her in July. He marries Catherine Howard
1542 -	Catherine Howard is executed
1543	Henry marries Catherine Parr
1547	Henry VIII dies. 9 year old Edward VI becomes king
1553	Edward VI dies and is succeeded by Lady Jane Grey. Her reign lasted 9 days until Mary I became queen
1558	Mary I dies and Elizabeth I becomes queen
1587	Mary Queen of Scots was found guilty of treason and executed
1588	The English defeat the Spanish Armada at the Battle of Graveliness
1603	Elizabeth I dies

## Vocabulary

annul	To cancel a marriage
Catholic	Form of Christianity under the control of the Pope
executed	Put to death
heir	A person who will inherit something
monarch	The ruler of a place
reformation	The move of the church away from the control of Catholicism leading to the formation of the
reign	The period of rule for a monarch
treason	The act of betraying one's country—especially by plotting to kill or overthrow the monarch
civil war	A war fought between people in the same country
Protestant	Followers of Christianity who are separate from the Catholic church

### Useful links and sources

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/tudors/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-the-tudors/zkgyhbk>