

1. The first Tudor monarch was King Henry VII who was crowned in 1485 and the last Tudor Monarch was Queen Elizabeth I who ruled from 1558 to 1603.
2. Elizabeth I didn't have any children, when she died in 1603 her cousin James I became king, uniting England and Scotland and starting a new royal family - the Stuarts.
3. There were six Tudor monarchs (kings and queens).
The Tudors (1485-1603)
Henry VII (1485 - 1509)
Henry VIII (1509-1547)
Edward VI (1547-1553)
Lady Jane Grey (1553)
Mary I (1553 - 1558)
Elizabeth I (1558 - 1603)
4. Religion was very important in Tudor times. Everyone had to go to church, and it was best if you went to the same sorts of churches that the king or queen did.
5. If you were a Catholic when Henry VIII was king, or a Protestant when Mary I was Queen, you might get arrested, thrown into the Tower of London, or even executed!
6. Mary I had over 280 people put to death because of their religion (she was Catholic), so she got the nickname 'Bloody Mary'.

7. It wasn't all bad in Tudor times, though. Music and dances were very popular, and people practised their instruments so they could become good enough to play in the royal court.
8. Music was enjoyed by everyone, no matter which class they came from - gentlemen, citizens of the cities, yeomen of the countryside, and the poor.
9. Theatres were also very popular in Tudor times, which is how William Shakespeare got to be so famous for the plays he wrote. Both rich and poor people went to the theatre.
10. Executions and punishments were another form of entertainment in Tudor times. Lots of people would gather to see someone burned at the stake or beheaded, which doesn't sound very fun today!
11. People in Tudor times ate their main meal in the middle of the day - around when we'd eat lunch. Their main meal could last for three hours!

12. In Tudor times, meat was cooked on a spit - it could be turned around and around over the fire so the meat cooked on all sides.
13. People used honey to sweeten food instead of sugar.
14. Children who were naughty at school would be beaten with a cane - boys from rich families would sometimes pay for another boy to get beaten instead. Imagine having that job!
15. If people felt sick, they wouldn't take the medicines that we take today. Some of the cures they used sound funny to us now - for example, bald people thought they could grow hair if they used a shampoo made from crushed beetles!
16. Tudor towns and villages weren't very clean. People threw rubbish in the street, and even emptied the loo there! It was very smelly.
17. People didn't usually live to be older than age 35 in Tudor times.
18. The Tudor monarch with the shortest rule was Lady Jane Grey - she was Queen for just nine days! She was in the Tower of London the whole time. for FREE today!

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19. The Tudors became royalty after winning the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485, which ended the War of the Roses between the House of Lancaster and the House of York. Henry Tudor led the fight on the Lancaster side, and then married Elizabeth of York.
20. The civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York was called the War of the Roses because each side had a certain colour of rose to represent them - red for Lancaster and white for York.
21. The Tudor rose is both red and white, symbolising that the two houses were joined together.
22. While Henry VIII wanted his daughter Mary to become queen after his son Edward VI, Edward decided on his deathbed that he wanted Lady Jane Grey to rule instead because she was Protestant, like him. Mary was a Catholic.
Jane Grey did become queen, but only for nine days, and she was never officially crowned - Mary became queen instead, and had Jane executed.
23. Tudor ships were able to travel across oceans and seas, and they were used for trading, fighting and exploration. Most ships had 3 or 4 masts with triangular or square sails and they were quite easy to steer. The ships were constructed from timber.

24. There was not much room for sailors to sleep in the ships, and most of the time they were cramped or slept on the deck. Most sailors also wore the same clothes every day.

25. Ships built in Tudor times were called galleons. The *Mary Rose* was one of the most famous Tudor ships. She sank in 1545, while attacking the French fleet and today, the remains of the ship, along with many artifacts (such as cooking utensils, games and clothing) can be seen in Portsmouth, England.

26. About 500 men died when the *Mary Rose* sank. The ages of the sailors ranged from as young as 12 to about 40, and most of them could not read or write.

27. Henry VIII is the best known of the Tudor Monarchs, he was the second son of Henry VII and became King because his brother, Arthur had died. Henry VIII is the most famous Tudor monarch because he had 6 wives!

28. Henry VIII's wives were;

Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr.

29. There is a little rhyme that helps us learn the fate of Henry VIII's wives:

'Divorced, beheaded, died,
Divorced, beheaded, survived.'

Can you work out what happened to each of his wives?

30. Elizabeth 1 always looks beautiful in paintings and pictures but cosmetics, wigs and jewellery were used to make her look pretty. She had suffered from smallpox and this caused her skin to be scarred and some of her hair to fall out. As she got older the cosmetics caused her skin to become even more disfigured and she also had rotten teeth.

The Tudor monarchs



Henry VII
1458-1509



Henry VIII
1509 - 1547



Edward VI
1547 - 1553



Jane Grey
July 1553



Mary I
1553 - 1558



Elizabeth I
1558 - 1603

The Six Wives of Henry VIII



Catherine of Aragon
m. 1509 - 1533
Divorced



Anne Boleyn
m. 1533 - 1536
Executed



Jane Seymour
m. 1536 - 1537
Died



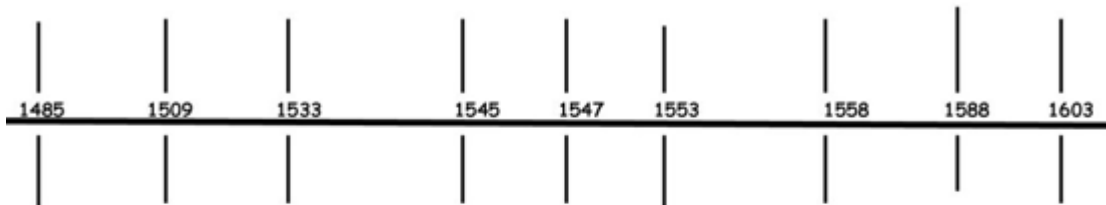
Anne of Cleves
m. 1540 Jan. - July
Divorced



Kathryn Howard
m. 1540 - 1542
Executed



Katherine Parr
m. 1543 - 1547
Widowed



Henry VII dies. His son Henry VIII becomes king

The Mary Rose sinks 1545

Spanish Armada 1588

Edward dies at 16, Queen Mary I becomes queen

Elizabeth dies. The end of the Tudors

Mary dies, Elizabeth becomes queen

Henry VIII dies, Edward becomes king at age 9

War of the roses - Henry VII becomes king

Henry VII marries his second wife Anne Boleyn 1533



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