

Alverton School History Knowledge Organiser Years 5 and 6 - Tudors and Elizabeth I

What we already know:

The Tudors came to power in 1485 after the Battle of Bosworth which ended the War of the Roses. Henry VIII had 6 wives in his desire to have a son. To divorce Cathryn of Aragon, Henry separated England from the Catholic Church forming the Church of England. After he died, there was a turbulent period before Elizabeth came to the throne.

Core Knowledge

Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne after a turbulent period in history which saw Edward VI, Lady Jane Grey, Mary I on the throne before her.

Elizabeth very cleverly used images and symbols in her portraits and on her clothes. These sent powerful messages about her strength, wisdom, omniscience and loyalty.

The Tudor period saw the first English settlement in America (The New World) at a place called Roanoke. Unfortunately, all the settlers died.

Tudor times saw the golden age of European exploration which saw trade, colonisation of distant parts of the globe. This introduced many new products to England but was generally disastrous for the locals.

Elizabeth inherited several problems as ruler of England, many caused by her father Henry VIII. These included, religion, marriage, poverty, her image and Mary Queen of Scots.

The Spanish Armada was a fleet of 130 ships that was escorting an invasion force. Spain invaded partly because of religious differences and partly because England was a competitor in colonising the New World.

Key Vocabulary

Exploration	Searching to discover knowledge or resources.
Circumnavigation	To travel all around the globe.
Turbulent	A period of conflict, disorder and confusion.
Armada	A Spanish naval invasion force.
Doctrine	Beliefs and rules of a particular church.
Poverty	The state of being extremely poor.
Symbols	An image used to represent an idea.
Poor Law	A law that taxed the rich to care for poor people who were too ill or old to work.
Vagrant/ Vagabond	Homeless and unemployed people who often roamed the country
Bridewell	A kind of prison where vagrants were taught how to work.
Martyr	Someone who dies for their religious beliefs.

1485 Henry VII defeats Richard III at Bosworth.

1509 Henry VII dies and is succeeded by his younger son Henry VIII. Two months after he became King, he married his brother's Spanish widow, Catherine of Aragon

1534 Henry VIII formed the Church of England, separating England from the Roman Catholic Church

1537 Finally Henry had his male heir - Edward was born but a few days later Jane died

1558 Mary died and Elizabeth I was crowned Queen

1603 Queen Elizabeth I died ending the Tudor period

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1486 Henry marries Elizabeth of York and ends the War of the Roses

1516 Mary I is born.

1533 Henry VIII married Anne Boleyn, following a divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Anne Boleyn gave birth to

1536 Anne Boleyn was executed. Eleven days later, Henry marries Jane

1547 Henry dies and is succeeded

1553 Edward VI died and was succeeded by Jane Grey. Her reign only lasted nine days.

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Elizabeth I



Edward VI



Lady Jane Grey



Queen Mary



Francis Drake



The Golden Hind

Beggar being whipped



