

# Off with Her Head!



These activities are for you to do at home. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

## Activities

1. Create a project glossary by writing a definition for each of the words listed. Use a dictionary to help. Add any other terms that you learn while completing the other home learning activities.

- annulment
- behead
- dynasty
- excommunicate
- heir
- succession
- treason
- trial

2. Use a range of sources to research the House of Tudor and the five Tudor monarchs. Record your findings by writing a list of facts. Then, write a short paragraph about Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I.
3. Find out why Thomas Cromwell, Francis Drake and Anne Boleyn were key figures during Tudor times. Record your findings in a table to explain their role and importance.
4. Use a range of sources to find out about key events from the House of Tudor's rule. Create a timeline to record the events and dates on which they happened. Include a few sentences on your timeline to explain each event. Two examples of events that you could include are:
  - 1485 – Henry Tudor established the House of Tudor on the 22nd August. He defeated Richard III on the battlefield at Bosworth and became Henry VII.
  - 1603 – On the 24th March, Elizabeth I died without an heir. The King of Scotland, James VI, Elizabeth I's cousin, became James I of England. This event marked the end of the House of Tudor and the beginning of a new dynasty, the Stuarts.



**5.** Find out more about Henry VIII to answer the enquiry question, 'Who was Henry VIII and how did he live his life?' Research areas include:

- the number of times that he was married and what happened to his wives
- his homes and lifestyle
- his hobbies and what he was like as a person
- why having a son was important to him
- why the pope excommunicated him
- his achievements

Afterwards, share your findings with an adult, and together, discuss and answer the enquiry question.

**6.** Find out more about Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, to answer the enquiry question, 'Who was Anne Boleyn and was she treated fairly?' Research areas include:

- how she met Henry VIII
- why Henry VIII could not marry her immediately, and his actions because of this
- when she was the Queen of England
- why Henry VIII wanted to divorce her, and his reasons for executing her
- her trial and death

Afterwards, share your findings with an adult, and together, discuss and answer the enquiry question.

**7.** Use your research skills to find out about Elizabeth I and write a short biography of her life. Include a description of her character, events that happened during her lifetime, and provide your opinion on whether she was a good monarch.

**8.** Choose an important event from Tudor times and write a newspaper report about it. Imagine that you are reporting about the event after it happened. Examples of events include Anne Boleyn's beheading, Henry VIII's marriages, Edward VI's birth or Elizabeth I's death. Include a snappy headline, byline, date, orientation paragraph and relevant facts.



9. Portraits of monarchs give messages about their power, status and personality and do not always show what the monarch looked like in real life. Look online at a range of portraits, then create a portrait of a Tudor monarch or other important Tudor figure. Think about how you can show their power, status or personality, using colour, expression, poses, clothing, and background objects or setting.



Henry VIII by Hans Holbein the Younger, 1537/1547



Elizabeth I by an unknown English artist, c1588

10. Finish your home learning by writing a summary of the topic, explaining what you have learned about Tudor times, Tudor monarchs and other key figures.

### Useful websites

BBC Teach – The Tudors

DKfindout! – Tudor Facts For Kids – Who were the Tudors?

Britannica Kids – Thomas Cromwell Students

DKfindout! – Tudor Exploration – Famous Tudor Explorers

BBC Bitesize – Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII – KS2 History

Britannica Kids – Elizabeth I

### Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors	Terry Deary and Neil Tonge	9781407178677
The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes and Ferrets!	Marcia Williams	9781406365818
DK Eyewitness: Tudor	DK	9780241187586
A Perspectives Flip Book: The Split History of – Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots	Nick Hunter	9781474726740
The Usborne Art Book about Portraits	Rosie Dickins	9781409598688
Treason	Berlie Doherty	9781849391214

