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Tudor Monarchs

Henry VII - The first Tudor King to reign over England after defeating Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth Field.

Henry VIII Became King aged 17. He married six times in the hope of having a son to be his heir to the throne.

Edward VI Henry VIII's son - He was King for just a few years from aged 9 to 15 years old but was considered too young to exercise power as the King.

Lady Jane - After Edward VI died, Jane became Queen for just nine days before Mary (the rightful heir to the throne) imprisoned her.

Mary I Henry VIII's daughter - Nicknamed 'Bloody Mary' after burning people at the stake if they didn't agree to the religious changes she made to the country.

Elizabeth I Daughter of Henry VIII. She reigned for nearly 45 years and led the English navy to defeat the Spanish Armada. She never married or had any children so when she died, the Tudor era ended.

Key Vocabulary

heir	A person who will inherit the throne when the current King or Queen dies.
monarch	A person who rules over a place, usually a king or queen.
reign	To rule over a country as a monarch.
throne	The position of a king or queen.
The Age of Exploration	A time when European nations began exploring the world. Also known as The Age of Discovery. This was from the 1400s to 1600s.

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Tudor Clothes

Tudor clothing was lavish.

Wealthy Tudors' clothes would be decorated with gold and jewels.

Middle class Tudors' clothes were much plainer and poor Tudors would wear simple, loose fitting cotton clothes.

Tudor Houses

Ordinary Tudor houses were made from a framework of wooden beams with wattle and daub (sticks and twigs mixed with clay and dung) attached between the frame. The wattle and daub was painted white leaving the beams exposed. In **poor Tudor houses**, chimneys were just a hole in the roof to let out smoke. Windows were made from animal's horns or paper. **Wealthy Tudor houses** were built from bricks in a symmetrical formation. Chimneys were tall and ornate. Windows were a sign of wealth so rich Tudors had as many windows as possible.

Food and Drink

Food was seen as a sign of wealth. Bread, butter, cheese, eggs, fish and meat were usually on the menu along with potage (a vegetable broth thickened with oats.) Meat could include beef, pork, lamb, rabbit, pheasant, deer, goose, wild boar and pigeon. Henry VIII often ate swan and seagull.

Water was not used as a drink as it was thought to be unsafe. People, including children, would drink weak ale instead.



Henry VII
1485 - 1509



Edward VI
1547 - 1553



Mary I
1553 - 1558



Key Events

1485 - Henry Tudor is crowned King Henry VII.

1509 - Henry VII dies. His son, Henry VIII becomes King.

1534 - Henry VIII forms the Church of England, separating it from the Roman Catholic Church.

1547 - Henry VIII dies. His son, Edward VI becomes King aged 9 years old.

1553 - Edward VI dies and the throne is given to Lady Jane Grey (Edward's cousin once removed) for just 9 days before Mary I takes the throne.

1558 - Mary I dies. Her half-sister Elizabeth I is Queen of England.

1588 - The Spanish Armada is defeated by the English.

1603 Queen Elizabeth I dies ending the Tudor reign.