tudors knowledge organiser

Five hundred years ago, the world was a very different place. We were only just realising that America existed and we had no idea about Australia. England and Scotland were separate **kingdoms**, each with their own **royal family**. The Tudors were a Welsh/English family that **reigned** England and Wales from 1485 to 1603—meaning they reigned for 118 years!

key figures



Henry VIII and his six wives

- Catherine of Aragon
- Anne Boleyn
- Jane Seymour
- Anne of Cleeves
- Catherine Howard
- Catherine Parr

Mary, Queen of Scots



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Queen Elizabeth I



King Edward VI

KEY VOCABULARY

| Heir | A person who will inherit the crown after the current king or queen dies. |
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| Annul | To cancel a marriage. |
| Reign | The time a king or queen is on the throne and rules the country. |
| Succeed/ed | The next person to be king or queen. |
| Circumnavigate | Sail all the way around the world. |
| Treason | A crime of betraying your country. |
| Knighted | Given a knighthood by the king or queen. This would make them |
| | important. |

TIMELINE

- **1485** On the 22nd August, Henry Tudor defeats Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth. On the 30th October, Henry is crowned King.
- 1486 War of the Roses ends with the marriage of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York.
- 1497 John Cabot sailed from Bristol and discovered North America.
- **1502** Henry VII son, the Prince of Wales, dies. Henry's second son (also Henry) becomes the heir to the throne.
- **1509** Henry VII dies and his son (Henry VIII) becomes king. He marries Catherine of Aragon—his brother's widow.
- 1528 Henry appeals to the Pope to annul his marriage to Catherine so he could marry Anne Boleyn.
- **1533** Henry finally manages to divorce Catherine and marries Anne.
- **1534** Henry makes himself the head of the English church, separating from the Roman Catholic Church. Many monasteries and religious houses were destroyed in the following years.
- **1536** Anne Boleyn is executed and eleven days later Henry marries Jane Seymour. The first Bible written in English is also published.
- **1537** On the 12th October, Jane gives birth to Edward. Jane dies shortly after the birth.
- 1547 Henry VIII dies and is succeeded to the throne by nine-year-old Edward VI.
- **1553** Edward VI dies and is succeeded by Lady Jane Grey. Her reign lasted only days and Mary I, daughter of Henry Viii and Catherine of Aragon, become queen. She was a devout Catholic and was determined to return England to Roman Catholicism.
- **1558** England's last French possession, Calais is lost to French rule. On the 17th November, Mary dies and Elizabeth I becomes queen at the age of 25.
- **1570** Sir Francis Drake sets sail for his first voyage to the West Indies. In 1577, Sir Francis sets sail to circumnavigate the world. He returns in 1580.
- **1587** Mary I, of Scotland, is found guilty of treason (she was plotting to kill Elizabeth) and is executed.
- **1588** The English defeat the Spanish Armada at the Battle of Gravelines.
- **1591** The first performance of a play by William Shakespear is performed.
- **1603** The Tudor period ended with the death of Elizabeth on 24th March. She had no husband or children to succeed her so the throne went to James I (James VI of Scotland) who was the son of Mary, Queen of Scots.