

Key Vocabulary

recorder	A wind instrument
lute	A stringed instrument
gallows	Was used to execute criminals
monarch	A King or Queen
reign	Time a king or queen is in power
banquet	A grand formal dinner
Protestant	The new church that split from Catholic ideas.
armada	A fleet of Spanish ships that set out to invade England.
executed	The undergoing of a sentence of death.
heir	A person given the position, property and money of another when they die.
expedition	A journey taken with a particular purpose such as to research or explore.

Were the Tudors really so terrible?

Within this topic, pupils should have the opportunity to use a variety of sources in order to collect information about a piece of British history. They will have the opportunity to explore the effect of past events on current affairs and explore the geographical significance of the historical time. Pupils will use timelines to sequence historical periods and events, create family trees to explore the British monarchy and consider the geography of Britain and further afield as they get to know significant Tudor explorers.

The Tudors are one of the most famous families in history having ruled England for 118 years. Their reign began with King Henry VII in 1485 after he defeated King Richard III in the War of the Roses and ended in 1603 when Queen Elizabeth I died.



The Tudors' effect can still be seen on Britain today with the creation of the Church of England, the union of countries and counties, the bible being available in English and of course the many great plays of William Shakespeare.

In the War of the Roses, each family was represented by a rose. Lancaster had a red rose and York had a white rose.

When one member of each family married together, they created the Tudor Rose which had both colours in it to show the two families at peace.

1. Catherine of Aragon  Divorced	2. Anne Boleyn  Beheaded	3. Jane Seymour  Died
4. Anne of Cleves  Divorced	5. Kathryn Howard  Beheaded	6. Catherine Parr  Survived

Perhaps the most famous Tudor monarch, was King Henry VIII. He reigned for 37 years and in that time he made some important historical changes. He had six wives (above) and created a whole new church.

Tudor Kings and Queens

Henry VII – 1485-1509



Henry VIII – 1509-1547



Edward VI – 1547-1553



Jane Grey – July 1553



Mary I – 1553-1558



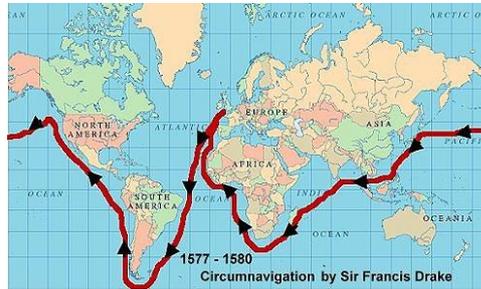
Elizabeth I – 1558-1603



Life in Tudor times was very different to now, with most people not living past the age of 35 years old. The population worked on farms and lived in small villages, with towns only growing in size as the country got richer.

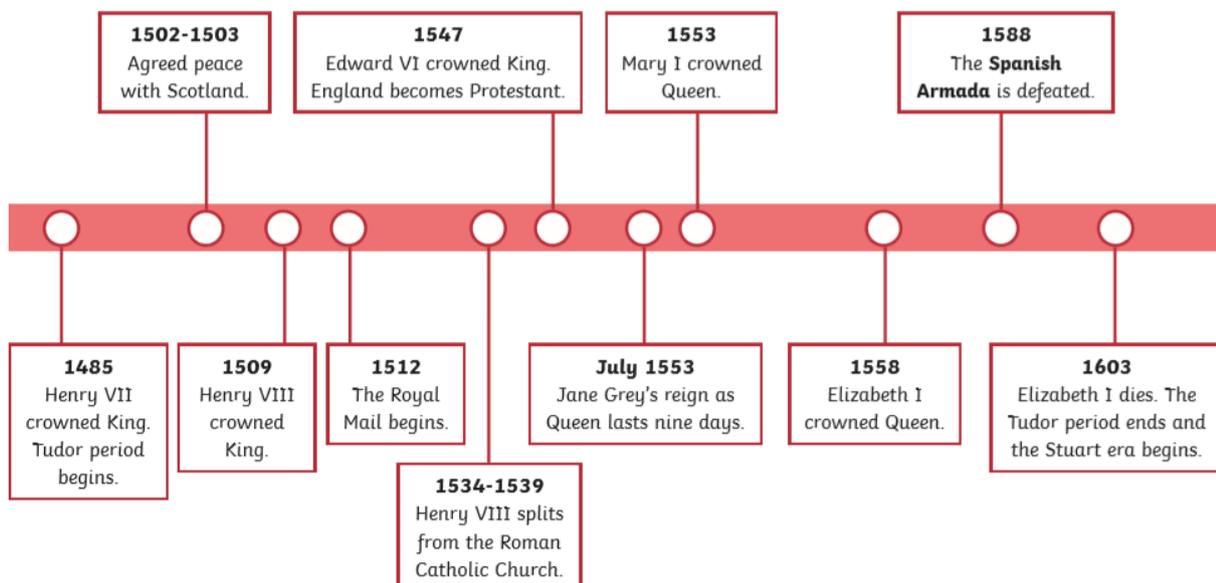
Water was collected in wells or streams and wasn't very clean while toilets were not very private. Food was usually flavourless bread eaten with vegetable soup, unless you kept animals for milk, eggs and cheese. Fire and disease were extremely common.

Wealthy Tudors had it easier, with fancy clothes, grand homes, expensive food and drink and lots of activities to join in or watch such as jousting and tennis.



The Tudors brought about a golden age of exploration with sailors going in search of unknown lands for money and adventure. Famous British explorers of the time include **Sir Walter Raleigh** (1554 - 1618) who led expeditions to America and even introduced the British people to the potato and **Sir Francis Drake** (1540 - 1596) who was the first Englishman to sail around the world in his ship *The Golden Hinde*. It was Drake who in placed command during the battle with the Spanish Armada - a fleet of 130 ships which aimed to invade England and overthrow Queen Elizabeth I.

A Tudor Timeline



North America

North America is the third largest of the seven continents. There are 23 countries in North America and around 590 million people. It is dominated by their four largest countries.

In order of their size, **Canada** is the biggest country in North America, followed by the **United States**, **Greenland** and then **Mexico**. However, the United States is the most populous country in the continent with a population of around 331 million people.

The smallest country in North America is **St Kitts and Nevis** with only around 54,000 people living there. This island country is located in the Caribbean Sea.



Capital Cities

Canada - Toronto

United States - Washington D.C

Greenland - Nuuk

Mexico - Mexico City

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