

Red rose of Lancaster

# Terrible Tudors

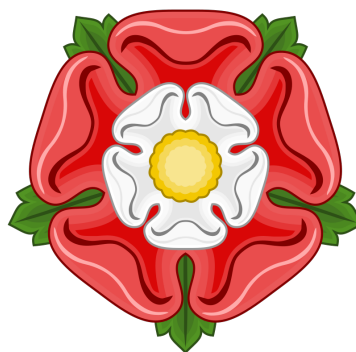
The Tudors were a dynasty of kings and queens who ruled England between 1485 and 1603. The two most famous monarchs were Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.



White rose of York



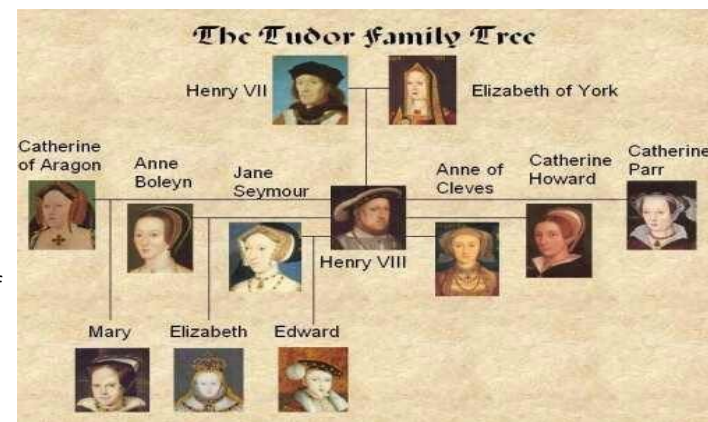
**Henry VIII (1491-1547)** He is most famous for having 6 wives with their fate remembered best by the rhyme 'Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.' He broke away from the Catholic Church, declaring himself the head of the Church of England. When he was young he was also well-known for being athletic, good-looking, intelligent, speaking many languages and playing musical instruments.



The Tudor Rose

The Tudor Rose was created when Henry VII brought an end to the Wars of the Roses. By marrying Elizabeth of York, he joined the White Rose of York with the Red Rose of Lancaster, creating the Union Rose or (Tudor Rose), which is still used as the floral emblem of England today!

**Elizabeth I (1533-1603)** Elizabeth found out several catholic plots to overthrow her and had Mary-her cousin, the Queen of Scots- executed in 1587. In 1588 the King of Spain sent the Spanish Armada (a fleet of ships) to take England. Elizabeth won the war and it was seen as a great victory. She had no children of her own so the throne went to King James of Scotland.



### Tudor Houses



Tudor houses are very distinctive and many can still be seen today. The houses had a wooden frame with walls made from "wattle and daub" – a building material consisting of wooden strips covered with mud, clay and wet soil. The walls were then painted white giving what is known as "the black and white effect".

### Crime and punishment

Punishments for crime were brutal! Murderers, arsonists and thieves who stole more than one shilling were hung, beggars were whipped through the streets and poisoners were boiled alive! Heretics and female traitors were burned at the stake, although males guilty of treason were hung, drawn and quartered. Beheading was a particular favourite of Tudor monarchs; lucky recipients were given a quick, clean death but others were less fortunate and it sometimes took 4 or 5 swings of the axe before the head came off.



### William Shakespeare (1564-1610)

The famous writer and actor performed several times for Elizabeth I and wrote many famous plays including Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Hamlet.



### Sir Francis Drake (1540-1596)

Sir Francis Drake was the most famous Tudor explorer. He sailed around the world plundering and conquering new lands and brought back gold and treasure for Queen Elizabeth. He also played a major role in defeating the Spanish Armada in 1588.

1485	1509	1534	1547	1553	1558	1577-1580	1588	1603
Henry VII defeats Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth and takes the throne.	Henry VII dies and his son, Henry VIII, becomes king.	Henry divorces Catherine of Aragon and forms The Church of England.	Henry VIII dies and his only son, Edward VI, becomes king.	Edward dies and his oldest sister, Mary I, becomes queen.	Mary dies and is succeeded as queen by her younger sister, Elizabeth I	Sir Francis Drake sails around the world, mapping new lands and discovering new goods.	The Spanish Armada is defeated.	Elizabeth dies with no heirs so the Tudor era ends.