

# 1534



King Henry VIII forms the Church of England.

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# 1553-1558



Queen Mary I reigns over England.

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# 1561



Mary, Queen of Scots returns to Scotland.

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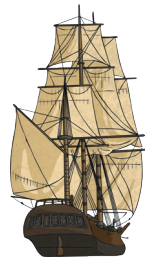
# 1536-1541



The Dissolution of the Monasteries. Henry VIII disbands monasteries, priories, convents and friaries.

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# 1588



The Spanish Armada is defeated.

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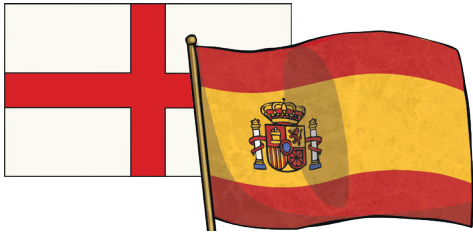
# 1485



The Battle of Bosworth Field takes place, and is won by the Lancastrians.

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# 1585-1604



The Anglo-Spanish war.

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# 1535



The Bible is printed in English for the first time.

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# 1485-1509



Henry VII reigns over England.

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# 1603



Queen Elizabeth I dies.  
King James of Scotland becomes king.

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# 1528



Cardinal Wolsey is sacked for not persuading the Pope to allow King Henry VIII to divorce.

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# 1545



The Mary Rose ship sinks in an attempted invasion by the French.

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# 1580s



William Shakespeare begins his playwriting career.

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# 1577-1580



Sir Francis Drake becomes the second person to circumnavigate the world

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# 1536



Wales and England become a single state in the 'Act of Union'.

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# 1558



Queen Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England.

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# 1492



The Explorer Christopher Columbus arrives in the West Indies.

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# 1509



King Henry VIII becomes king when his father, Henry VII, dies.

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# 1547-1553



King Edward VI reigns  
over England.

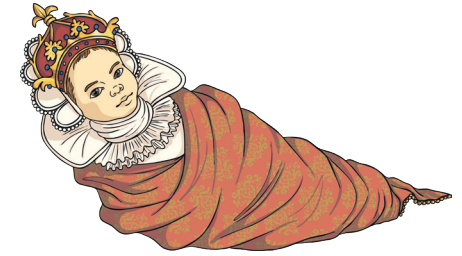
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King Henry VIII  
separates the Church  
of England from the  
Roman Catholic Church.

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# 1542



Mary, Queen of Scots  
is born in Scotland.

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