

Henry VIII



Aim

- I can understand why King Henry VIII wanted an heir.

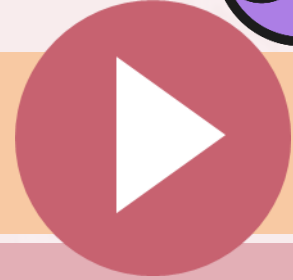
Success Criteria

- I can name two adjectives to describe Henry VIII.
- I can explain why Henry VIII needed a son.
- I can name at least two of Henry VIII's wives.
- I can explain what a Tudor monarch might look for in a marriage.

King Henry VIII



In this clip, Henry VIII's second wife talks about what it was like to be married to the king.



Active Listening Task:

Watch the clip, making notes about Henry VIII.

What do you find out about Henry's character?	What do you find out about Henry's behaviour?

Boys, boys, boys...

Why did the king want a son so badly?



Boys were more important than girls in Tudor England. They were seen as stronger and more intelligent.

Henry VIII wanted to feel like he would leave England in strong hands on his death. In his eyes, the strongest hands would be those of a male.

He also believed that a daughter would not be clever enough to keep the peace in England.

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Henry VIII



Henry VIII was a powerful and fierce monarch. He is one of the most famous Tudors in history.

One of the reasons for this is that he married six times during his lifetime.

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Catherine of Aragon



Married: 1509 – 1533

Catherine of Aragon was a Spanish and a Catholic.

She had a daughter, Mary, who would later become Queen Mary I.

What do you think happened to her?

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Divorced!



Catherine failed to give Henry the male heir he wanted, and she was too old to have another baby.

This made Henry grow impatient and frustrated with her.

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Anne Boleyn



Married: 1533 - 1536

Anne married Henry in secret as Henry's divorce was not quite complete.

She gave birth to a daughter who later became Queen Elizabeth I.

What do you think happened to her?

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Beheaded!



Anne was accused of being unfaithful to Henry and so she was beheaded at Tower Hill.

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Jane Seymour



Married: 1536 - 1537

The marriage between Jane and Henry was organised a day after Anne's death.

She gave birth to a son who later became King Edward VI.

What do you think happened to her?

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Died!



Poor Jane died after she gave birth to her son.

Henry was devastated

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Anne of Cleves



Married: Jan 1540 – Jul 1540

After much sadness due to the death of Jane, Henry sent an artist to Germany to paint a portrait of Anne so that he could see what she looked like, in hopes of marrying her.

What do you think happened to her?

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Divorced!



Henry didn't much like Anne as her portrait was very different to what she looked like in real life.

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Kathryn Howard



Married: 1540 - 1542

Kathryn was the cousin of Anne Boleyn. She was 16 and much younger than Henry when she married him.

Henry thought she was amazing.

What do you think happened to her?

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Beheaded!



It turned out that Kathryn had quite a few affairs whilst married to Henry and he was more than unhappy about this!

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Katherine Parr



Married: 1543 - 1548

The sixth and last wife of Henry VIII was very intelligent.

Unfortunately for her, she was in love with another man and had to keep it a secret.

What do you think happened to her?

Henry VIII and His Six Wives

Survived!



Katherine outlived Henry, who died in 1547.

She was the luckiest of his wives!

Remember...



Divorced

Beheaded

Died

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Tudor Life Magazine



Have a look at this advert in Tudor Life Magazine...

Your task:

Imagine it is 1542 and Henry has just beheaded Kathryn Howard.

Design an advert for Tudor Life Magazine, written by the journalist (you), explaining what King Henry is looking for in a new wife.

Use the Wife Advert Activity Sheets to do this.



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