



Aspire Curriculum Knowledge Organiser: Historical Detectives 2

Big Question: How did Tudor monarchs affect everyday life in the past and now?

Year 3

Spring 2



What? Key Knowledge Takeaways

Five Tudor monarchs ruled in England, Wales and Ireland from 1485 until 1603.

Henry VII of England was the first Tudor monarch who became king after winning the Battle of Bosworth Field (1485). It ended the War of the Roses. Henry then married Elizabeth of York to merge the houses.

The War of the Roses name was because each side had a rose to represent them: red for Lancaster and white for York. The Tudor rose is both red and white, symbolising the two houses.

Henry VIII had six wives and three children. His only son Edward died very young (15). His oldest sister became Queen Mary I. She was beheaded by her sister Elizabeth I, who became queen as Mary was unpopular and some wanted a protestant country.

Elizabeth I reigned successfully for 45 years and defeated the Spanish Armada.

Key Vocabulary

Definition

monarch	Someone who rules a country e.g. a king or queen
heir	The person who will take over when the king or queen dies.
catholic	The catholic religion was the most popular religion during the Tudor reign.
protestant	A follower of the new Church of England religion that Henry VIII created.
sources	A piece of information that shows what life was like in the past.
reliable	Making sure that a source of information is true and can be trusted.

Who? Famous People

Richard III	Richard III was King of England and Lord of Ireland from 1483 until his death in 1485. He was the last king of the House of York
Henry VII	Henry VII was the first Tudor king. He defeated Richard III in the Bosworth Battle.
Henry VIII	Henry VIII has Henry VII's son. He had 6 wives and changed the religion in England to Church of England from Catholicism.
Edward VI	Edward VI was the only son of Henry VIII. He was crowned king when he was only 9. He died 6 years later.
Mary I	Mary I was also known as Bloody Mary. She wanted to change the country back to Catholicism. She killed many people during her reign.
Elizabeth I	Elizabeth had no children and therefore was the last Tudor monarch. Elizabeth was one of the greatest rulers in time and reigned for 45 years.

When? Timeline

1455 – 1487	1485	1509	1534	1547	1553	1558	1588	1603	1837–1901	2023
War of the Roses.	Battle of Bosworth. Henry VII became king. Beginning of Tudor reign.	Henry VIII became king.	Henry VIII forms the Church of England.	Edward VI comes to the throne.	Mary I comes to the throne.	Elizabeth I comes to the throne.	Spanish Armada.	Elizabeth I dies. End of the Tudor reign	Victorian era.	We are in Year 3.