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Tudors | Year 4 | Subject: History

Tudor Facts

1. There were six Tudor monarchs who ruled England from 1485 to 1603.

2. Tudor England had 2 of the strongest monarchs ever to sit on the English throne: Henry VIII & his daughter Elizabeth I.

3. The Tudor rose was created when Henry VII brought an end to the Wars of the Roses. He joined the White Rose of York with the Red Rose of Lancaster to create the Tudor Rose.

4. Religion was very important in Tudor times. Everyone had to go to church. If you didn't attend the same church as the monarch you might get arrested, thrown into the Tower of London, or even executed.

5. Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic church and created the Protestant Church of England so that he could divorce his first wife. He went on to have six wives, beheading two of them.

Henry VII



1485-1509

Henry VIII



1509-1547

Edward VI



1547-1553

Lady Jane Grey



1553 (9 days)

Mary I



1553-1558

Elizabeth I



1558-1603



Key Vocabulary

Monarch	A leader of a country, e.g. a King or Queen.
Heir	The person next in line to throne who will take over when the current King or Queen dies.
Reign	The period of time that a monarch rules.
Church of England	Henry VIII created the Church of England so that he could divorce his first wife. The Catholic church did not permit divorce.
Reformation	The act of changing (reforming) something. In this case the reformation of the church to remove the Pope's control.
Treason	To betray your country or monarch.
Pope	The head of the Roman Catholic Church.
Divorce	The legal end of a marriage.
Execution	Being put to death.
Beheading	A punishment which resulted in your head being chopped off with an axe.
Gallows	A wooden structure where people were hung by a piece of rope around their neck.

Key Events

1485 — The Battle of Bosworth Field takes place, and is won by the Lancastrians.



1492 — The Explorer Christopher Columbus arrives in the West Indies.



1528 — Cardinal Wolsey is sacked for not persuading the Pope to allow King Henry VIII to divorce.



1534 — King Henry VIII forms the Church of England.



1535 — The Bible is printed in English for the first time.



1536 — Wales and England become a single state in the 'Act of Union'.



1536-1541 — The Dissolution of the Monasteries. Henry VIII disbands monasteries, piories, convents and friaries.



1542 — Mary, Queen of Scots is born in Scotland.



1545 — The Mary Rose ship sinks in an attempted invasion by the French.



1577-1580 — Sir Francis Drake becomes the second person to circumnavigate the world



1580s — William Shakespeare begins his playwriting career.



1585-1604 — The Anglo-Spanish war.



1588 — The Spanish Armada is defeated.

