

The Magnificent Tudors: Ellie's Social Studies / History Adventure

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant to explore the world of ruffs, royal courts, and remarkable changes!

- The Tudor dynasty began in 1485 when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the long conflict known as the Wars of the Roses.
- King Henry VIII is one of history's most famous monarchs; he had six wives and was responsible for the English Reformation, which changed the Church in England forever.
- Queen Elizabeth I, the daughter of Henry VIII, presided over a 'Golden Age' of English history where the arts, theatre, and exploration flourished.
- Tudor homes were easily recognised by their 'black and white' style, featuring wooden frames filled with wattle and daub, and tall, decorative brick chimneys.
- Explorers during the Tudor era, such as Sir Francis Drake, sailed across the world in large ships called galleons to map new lands and trade goods.

Did you know? Did you know? The Tudor period is famous for its fashion! Both men and women wore large, stiff collars called ruffs around their necks. They were often starched with a special mixture to keep them standing up straight—sometimes they were so wide that people had to use long-handled spoons just to eat their dinner!

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