

A Day in the Life of a Tudor

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of daily life in Tudor England, using historical vocabulary and structured paragraphs.

Use this scaffold to help you write a historical recount. Imagine you are living in the year 1550. Use the word bank to help your writing flow and remember to include details about food, clothing, and homes.

The sun rose over the timber-framed houses of the busy village, marking the start of another industrious day in the Tudor era.

Word bank: furthermore · meanwhile · in addition · however · consequently · magnificent · humble · traditionally · distinctive · on the other hand

1. Introduction: Who are you in the Tudor period (e.g., a merchant, a baker, or a royal servant), and what does your home look like? Start with: 'Living in the year 1550, my home is...' (2 marks)

2. Food and Drink: What are you eating for your breakfast or main meal? Mention what people in the Tudor era typically consumed. Start with: 'For my midday meal, I usually eat...' (2 marks)

3. Clothing and Fashion: Describe your outfit. Is it colourful or simple? Use historical terms like 'tunic', 'ruff', or 'bodice'. Start with: 'My clothes are very different from modern fashion because...' (2 marks)

4. Daily Tasks: What is your job or your main task for the day? How does it help your family or community? Start with: 'During the afternoon, my most important task is...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: How do you feel about living in this time period? Start with: 'Life in the Tudor times is challenging, but I enjoy...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant is studying history! Can you add a paragraph describing a famous Tudor monarch, such as Henry VIII or Elizabeth I, and explain how their decisions might affect your character's life?