

Tudor Times with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the social hierarchy and daily life of the Tudor period, including the roles of monarchs and ordinary citizens.

Use your knowledge of Tudor history to answer the questions below. Think carefully about how different people lived during this time.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading her history books! She has discovered that Tudor England was a time of great change, from the powerful monarchs who sat on the throne to the busy merchants trading goods in the market. Life in the 16th century was very different depending on whether you were wealthy or poor. Use what you have learned in class to show off your Tudor knowledge.

Word bank: Monarch · Hierarchy · Tudor · Peasant · Merchant · Henry VIII · Elizabeth I · Galleon

1. The Tudor period is famous for having powerful monarchs. Name two Tudor monarchs and explain one thing they are remembered for. (4 marks)

2. Life for a wealthy person in the Tudor era was very different from life for a peasant. Describe one difference in what they might eat or wear. (2 marks)

3. If a merchant wanted to sell goods to a foreign country, they would use a large ship. What was this type of ship called, and why was it important for Tudor trade? (2 marks)

4. Tudor houses were often built using a specific method involving wooden beams and wattle and daub. What is this style of building commonly called? (1 mark)

5. Imagine you are a Tudor shopkeeper. You sell a loaf of bread for 2p and a piece of cloth for 15p. If a customer buys both, how much money do they spend in total? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Tudor house showing the 'black and white' timber-framed style, and draw a Tudor person standing in front of it wearing appropriate clothing from the era.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Spanish Armada'. Write a short diary entry from the perspective of an English sailor watching the ships approach the coast.