

Year 4 History Assessment: The Tudor Dynasty

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Tudor life, significant monarchs, and societal changes.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure you use the provided word bank where appropriate.

The Tudor period, spanning from 1485 to 1603, was a time of immense change in England. From the establishment of the dynasty by Henry VII to the cultural heights of Elizabeth I's reign, the country transformed through trade, discovery, and new inventions. Society was structured by a strict hierarchy, and daily life differed vastly between the wealthy nobles and the working labourers.

Word bank: Monarch · Exploration · Elizabethan · Galleon · Hierarchy · Renaissance · Printing Press · Tapestry

1. Identify two significant monarchs from the Tudor dynasty and state one major achievement or event associated with their reign. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the invention of the printing press was a turning point for communication in Tudor England. (2 marks)

3. Compare the daily lives of a wealthy noble and a common labourer during the Tudor era. Mention at least two differences in their homes or clothing. (4 marks)

4. Why was the Tudor period considered an era of 'Exploration'? Name one way in which travel by sea changed during this time. (3 marks)

5. If a Tudor merchant wanted to buy a fine velvet cloak for £4 and a silver buckle for £1.50, how much would they spend in total? Use your knowledge of Tudor currency to explain if this was an expensive purchase for an average person. (3 marks)

6. Justify why Elizabeth I is often remembered as one of England's most successful monarchs. Use evidence from the Elizabethan period to support your argument. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are a child living in the year 1550. Write a diary entry describing a day in your life. You must include details about what you might eat, what work you do, and what the world around you looks like. Aim to use at least three words from the word bank. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a detailed sketch of a Tudor galleon ship on the high seas, including labels for the sails, the hull, and the rudder.



Extension challenge: What might happen to the structure of society if the printing press had never been invented? Justify your answer by considering how people would have received information and how this would affect the power of the Monarch. Total: /25