

A Day in the Life of a Tudor Citizen

Learning objective: To use historical knowledge to write a descriptive account of daily life in Tudor England.

Use this writing frame to help Ellie the Elephant plan and write your diary entry. Imagine you are a person living during the reign of the Tudors. Use your knowledge of Tudor homes, clothing, and food to make your writing detailed.

The morning sun peeked through the small, leaded glass window of my timber-framed house, signalling the start of another busy day in Tudor England.

Word bank: Furthermore · In contrast · During the reign of · Consequently · Similarly · However · In addition · Commonly · To conclude

1. Introduction: Describe the morning routine of a Tudor person. Where do you live and what is the first thing you see when you wake up? Start with: 'As I climbed out of my straw mattress, I could hear...' (2 marks)

2. Diet and Food: What are you having for your breakfast or preparing for the midday meal? Mention the type of food or drink common at the time. Start with: 'For breakfast, I prepared...' (2 marks)

3. Daily Work: Explain your role or job in the community. Are you an apprentice, a farmer, or a servant? Start with: 'My daily tasks required me to...' (2 marks)

4. Clothing and Appearance: Describe what you are wearing today. Remember the materials and styles of the era. Start with: 'To protect myself from the weather, I fastened my...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Reflect on your life and your feelings about living in the Tudor period. Start with: 'As the sun sets over the town, I reflect on...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific Tudor trade (e.g., a fletcher, a weaver, or a baker) and add a paragraph about the specific tools you use in your work.