

The Tudor Times: A Royal Journey with Ellie

Step back into the Tudor age—explore the palaces, the portraits, and the power of the royals!

- The Tudor dynasty began in 1485 when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth, marking the end of the Middle Ages and the start of a new, powerful era.
- Tudor society was built on a strict hierarchy; at the very top was the Monarch, followed by the nobility, while most people lived and worked as farmers in small villages.
- King Henry VIII is famous for his six wives and for the English Reformation, which changed the country's religion from Roman Catholic to the Church of England.
- The Tudor period was a time of great exploration; famous sailors like Sir Francis Drake navigated the globe in sturdy ships called galleons to trade and discover new lands.
- Queen Elizabeth I, known as the 'Virgin Queen', oversaw a golden age of literature and drama, where writers like William Shakespeare transformed the English language forever.

Did you know? Did you know? During the Tudor era, fashion was a status symbol. Noblemen and women used expensive dyes, like deep crimson made from crushed insects, to show everyone how wealthy they were! Even the way you wore your ruff—a stiff, pleated collar—showed off your importance in the Royal Court.

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