

The Tudor Time-Travel Challenge with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and evaluate key facts about the Tudor period, including monarchs, daily life, and exploration.

Join Ellie the Elephant as she uses her incredible memory to look back at the Tudor era! Read the clues, answer the questions, and see if you can earn the title of 'Tudor Historian'.

Answer Key: 1. A (Henry VIII); 2. True; 3. Elizabeth I; 4. B (Galleon); 5. False (They were often made of timber and wattle and daub); 6. C (The Tudor Rose); 7. False (They were very expensive and mostly for the wealthy); 8. Exploration; 9. B (1485–1603); 10. A (It was a time of great change, including the growth of the Royal Navy and new global trade routes).

Word bank: Henry VIII · Exploration · Elizabeth I · Galleon · Monarch · Tudor Rose

1. Which Tudor monarch famously had six wives? A) Henry VIII*, B) Edward VI, C) Henry VII, D) James I (1 mark)

2. True or False: The Tudor period began after the Battle of Bosworth Field. (1 mark)

3. Who was the daughter of Anne Boleyn and the last Tudor monarch? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. What was the name of the large, sturdy ships used for Tudor voyages? A) Raft, B) Galleon*, C) Canoe, D) Submarine (1 mark)

5. True or False: Most ordinary Tudor people lived in large, stone-built palaces. (1 mark)

6. Which symbol represents the union of the House of Lancaster and the House of York? A) The Lion, B) The Crown, C) The Tudor Rose*, D) The Anchor (1 mark)

7. True or False: Potatoes and tomatoes were common foods for poor Tudor farmers from the start of the era. (1 mark)

8. Complete the word: During the reign of Elizabeth I, many sailors set off on voyages of _____ to find new lands. (1 mark)

9. Approximately how long did the Tudor dynasty last? A) 50 years, B) 118 years*, C) 200 years, D) 10 years (1 mark)

10. Why was the Tudor era considered a 'Golden Age'? A) Due to stability and progress*, B) Because everyone was rich, C) Because there were no wars, D) Because they discovered electricity (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Tudor-style ship (a galleon) sailing on the high seas, including at least three key features like masts, sails, and a decorated stern.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why Henry VIII might have wanted to change the religion of England. 2. Compare and contrast the life of a wealthy merchant in London with a peasant farmer in the countryside. 3. Justify your answer: Was the Tudor period a 'Golden Age' for everyone, or just for the wealthy? 4. What might happen if the Tudor Rose had never been created to unite the two houses? 5. If you were a Tudor explorer, what three items would you pack for a voyage and why? 6. Analyze how the invention of the printing press changed the way Tudor children learned compared to children in the Middle Ages.