

Grade 4 History Assessment: The Tudor Dynasty

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Tudor period, including key monarchs, daily life, and historical change.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where requested. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

The Tudor period began in 1485 when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth. It was a time of great change in England, spanning the reigns of five famous monarchs. From the religious shifts of the Reformation to the daring voyages of discovery across the oceans, the Tudor era shaped much of modern British history. While some lived in grand palaces, others worked hard on farms or in bustling market towns.

Word bank: Monarch · Reformation · Exploration · Tudor Rose · Henry VIII · Elizabeth I · Portrait · Hierarchy

1. Identify the two families that were united by the marriage of Henry VII to Elizabeth of York, symbolised by the Tudor Rose. (2 marks)

2. List two reasons why Henry VIII is considered a significant figure in British history. (2 marks)

3. Nova the owl is looking at the stars. Explain how Tudor sailors used the stars and new technology to help them explore the world during the reign of Elizabeth I. (3 marks)

4. Describe the main differences between the life of a wealthy person and a poor person in Tudor England. Think about their homes, food, and clothing. (4 marks)

5. What was the 'Reformation' and how did it change the way people worshipped in England? (4 marks)

6. Ellie the elephant is visiting a Tudor gallery. Choose one Tudor monarch and write a persuasive paragraph explaining why their reign was the most important for England. Include specific examples of their achievements. (5 marks)

7. Why do historians often use portraits as a primary source when studying the Tudors? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a Tudor-style house showing at least two features of the architecture, such as timber framing or a thatched roof.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out which Tudor monarch established the Royal Navy and explain why this was important for protecting the country.