

Year 5 History Assessment: The Tudor Dynasty

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Tudor period, including social hierarchy, the English Reformation, and the reign of significant monarchs.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your writing is clear and uses the provided vocabulary where appropriate.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the Tudor period. She notes that the Tudor dynasty began in 1485 after the Battle of Bosworth and ended in 1603. During this time, England saw dramatic changes in religion, power, and global exploration. From the grand courts of Henry VIII to the golden age of Elizabeth I, the Tudor era shaped the foundations of modern Britain.

Word bank: Monarch · Reformation · Dynasty · Hierarchy · Dissolution · Exploration · Protestant · Catholic

1. Identify the monarch who initiated the English Reformation and explain one reason why he broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. (2 marks)

2. Describe the social hierarchy of Tudor England. Who held the most power, and how did life differ for those at the bottom of the social scale? (3 marks)

3. What was the 'Dissolution of the Monasteries', and what was its primary impact on the English landscape? (2 marks)

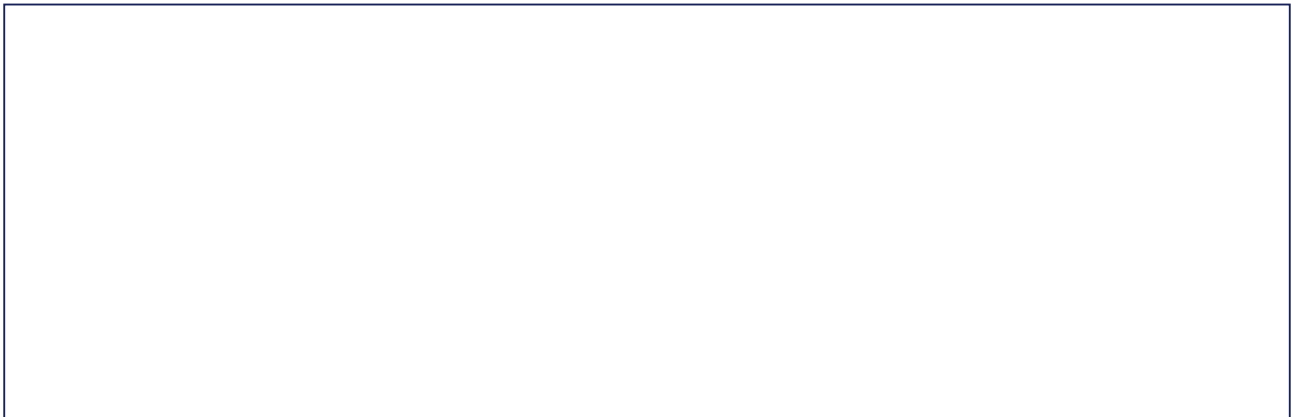
4. Compare and contrast the reign of Henry VIII with the reign of his daughter, Elizabeth I. Provide two specific differences in their leadership or national impact. (4 marks)

5. Explain why the Tudor period is often described as an 'Age of Discovery'. Give an example of how trade or exploration changed during this time. (3 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Was the Tudor period a time of progress or a time of instability for the average person living in England? Support your argument with evidence. (6 marks)

7. Imagine you are a Tudor merchant. You wish to sell a woollen tunic for £2 and a pair of leather shoes for £1.50. If a customer pays with a £5 note, how much change should you give them? Show your working. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a detailed Tudor-style house, focusing on the 'black and white' timber-framed architecture characteristic of the period.



Extension challenge: Research a Tudor explorer. Write a short diary entry from their perspective describing the challenges they faced while at sea. Total: /25