

Ellie's Tudor Time Travel

Learning objective: To understand key features of Tudor life and society.

Read the story below about Ellie the elephant's trip to the past. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant loves history. One sunny day, she used her great memory to travel back to the Tudor times. She walked through a busy town. The houses looked very different. They had black wooden beams and white walls. Some people were very rich. They wore fancy clothes made of silk and velvet. They had big collars around their necks. Other people were very poor. They lived in small, crowded cottages and wore simple wool clothes. Ellie saw the King, who was the most powerful monarch in the land. He lived in a grand palace with high towers. Everyone had to be very polite to him. The streets were noisy and smelled of woodsmoke from the fireplaces. People cooked simple food like bread, cheese, and pottage in big pots. Ellie learned that life depended on how much money your family had. She was happy to visit, but she was glad to return home to her modern life where she could read her favorite books.

Word bank: Tudor · monarch · rich · poor · house · clothes

1. What did the Tudor houses look like? (2 marks)

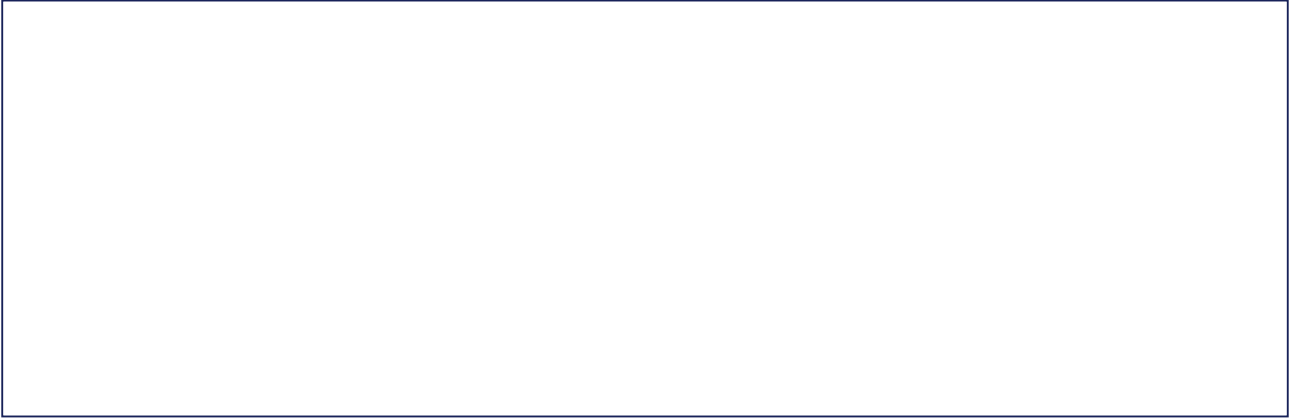
2. What food did the Tudor people eat? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the rich people wore fancy clothes made of silk? (2 marks)

4. How can we tell that the King was the most important person? (2 marks)

5. Would you like to live in Tudor times? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Tudor house with black wooden beams and a chimney with smoke coming out of it.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Tudor child. Write one sentence about what you would have for your dinner.