Tudor Time-Travelers: The Great Sorting Challenge

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

Ellie the elephant has been busy digging through the archives of the Tudor period! She has found a collection of historical facts, but they are all mixed up. Your task is to sort these items into three categories: 'The Monarchy', 'Daily Life', and 'Exploration & Discovery'. Write the correct category next to each item below.

Word bank: The Monarchy · Daily Life · Exploration & Discovery

1. King Henry VIII and his six wives. (1 mark)

2. The use of trenchers (stale bread) as plates at dinner. (1 mark)

3. Sir Francis Drake circumnavigating the globe. (1 mark)

4. The importance of the 'Divine Right of Kings'. (1 mark)

5. The construction of the Golden Hind ship. (1 mark)

6. Washing clothes with lye and beating them on stones. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a typical Tudor-style house with timber frames and a thatched roof, then add a small detail showing what a person in the 1500s might have eaten for lunch.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Tudor explorer. Write a short journal entry (3-4 sentences) describing one item you would take with you on a long sea voyage and why it was worth its weight in gold.