Ellie’s Tudor Time-Traveler’s Log

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account of daily life in Tudor England, using historical vocabulary and a formal structure.

Use this scaffold to write your own Tudor diary entry. Imagine you are a child living in the year 1550. Use the word bank to help you describe your home, your clothes, and the food you might eat.

As the morning sun crept over the thatched roof of our timber-framed cottage, I pulled on my woollen tunic and prepared for the busy day ahead.

Word bank: furthermore · meanwhile · in addition · on the other hand · timber-framed · tunic · porridge · cobbled streets · pottage · consequently

1. The Home: Describe your house. What does it look like on the outside? What materials were used to build it? Start with: 'My home is situated on a narrow street where...' (2 marks)

2. The Clothing: Explain what you are wearing today. Why is your clothing different from the clothes we wear today? Start with: 'To keep warm in the cool Tudor air, I am dressed in...' (2 marks)

3. The Food: Describe your breakfast or midday meal. What ingredients are in your pottage? Start with: 'For my meal today, I sat at the wooden table to eat...' (2 marks)

4. Daily Chores: What jobs do you have to do to help your family? Start with: 'Life in Tudor times is hard work, so my chores include...' (2 marks)

5. Reflections: How do you feel about living in this time period? Start with: 'Although life is very different from the modern world, I think that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a famous Tudor monarch and write a short paragraph explaining one law they introduced that changed life for the people of England.