The Tudor Dynasty: Social Studies / History Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Tudor period, including the sequence of monarchs, significant social changes, and the impact of the Reformation.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide clear and accurate answers. Ensure you write in full sentences where requested.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the Tudor family tree. She notes that the Tudor period began in 1485 when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth Field. This dynasty lasted until 1603, seeing massive changes in religion, global exploration, and the power of the monarchy.

Word bank: Monarch · Reformation · Dynasty · Exploration · Protestant · Catholic · Henry VIII · Elizabeth I

1. Identify which battle in 1485 marked the beginning of the Tudor dynasty. (1 mark)

2. Explain two reasons why Henry VIII decided to break away from the Roman Catholic Church. (2 marks)

3. Name two monarchs who ruled England during the Tudor period, other than Henry VIII. (2 marks)

4. Describe one way in which life for a wealthy person in Tudor England differed from the life of a poor person. (3 marks)

5. Why is the reign of Elizabeth I often referred to as the 'Golden Age'? Provide two specific examples to support your answer. (4 marks)

6. Explain the significance of the Spanish Armada in 1588. How did this event influence England's reputation as a naval power? (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: 'The Tudor period was a time of great change in England.' Write a paragraph arguing whether you believe the most significant change was religious, social, or related to exploration. Use historical evidence to support your choice. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a typical Tudor house, showing the 'black and white' timber-framed style and the thatched roof.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out how much a loaf of bread might have cost in Tudor times compared to £1.50 today. Why is it difficult to compare prices accurately across history?