Ellie’s Tudor Life Diary Entry

Learning objective: To understand and describe the daily life, social hierarchy, and significant changes during the Tudor period.

Imagine you are living in England during the Tudor dynasty. Use this template to write a diary entry from your perspective. Consider your social class, what you might eat, the clothes you would wear, and any major events you have witnessed. Use the word bank to help you include historical vocabulary.

Word bank: Monarch · Hierarchy · Tudor Rose · Banquet · Apprentice · Reformation · Peasant · Nobility · Gallon · Doublet

1. Setting the Scene: Describe your identity in Tudor England. Are you a wealthy noble, a merchant, or a peasant? Where do you live? (2 marks)

2. Daily Diet and Labour: What did you eat for your main meal today, and what kind of work did you perform to earn your keep? (2 marks)

3. The Monarch's Influence: Which Tudor ruler is currently on the throne, and how have their decisions or laws affected your life? (3 marks)

4. Tudor Fashion: Describe the clothes you are wearing today. What fabrics and colours are used, and what do they reveal about your status? (2 marks)

5. Reflective Thought: If you could ask Ellie the elephant one question about the history of the Tudor period, what would you ask and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the cost of goods in the 16th century. If a loaf of bread cost 1d (one penny) in the 1500s, how many loaves could you buy for £1.00 if £1 was worth 240 pennies?