The Tudor Age: A Look Back in Time

Step into the past with Ellie the Elephant and discover how the Tudors shaped our nation!

- **The Tudor dynasty began in 1485 when Henry VII won the Battle of Bosworth, marking the end of the Middle Ages in England.**
- **King Henry VIII is famous for having six wives and for his decision to break away from the Roman Catholic Church, creating the Church of England.**
- **Queen Elizabeth I, known as the 'Virgin Queen', reigned for 45 years during a time often called the Golden Age, which saw a surge in theatre and exploration.**
- **Tudor society was strictly hierarchical, with the Monarch and nobility at the top, while most ordinary people lived in the countryside as farmers or labourers.**
- **The Tudors loved elaborate fashion, using expensive fabrics like velvet and silk, often decorated with gold thread and precious jewels to show off their wealth.**

Did you know? Did you know? The Tudor period was a time of huge change in food! Before the Tudors, potatoes and tomatoes were unknown in England. It wasn't until explorers like Sir Francis Drake returned from the Americas that these ingredients began to arrive on English dinner plates.

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