Tudor Life: Design a Tudor Home

Learning objective: To understand the architectural features of Tudor homes and identify how social status influenced building design.

Follow the drawing prompt to create your own Tudor house. Once your drawing is complete, use the word bank to label the key features of your design. Ellie the elephant reminds you that Tudor buildings were famous for their timber frames and overhanging upper floors!

Draw: Draw a large Tudor-style house in the center of your page. Use a ruler to create a dark, cross-hatched timber frame effect. Ensure the second floor 'jetties' out over the first floor. Include a high-pitched roof (you could draw it as thatch or tiles) and tall, thin chimney stacks. Add small windows with a diamond-shaped lattice pattern. You may add a garden or a cobbled street around the house to complete the scene.

Label words: Timber frame · Wattle and daub · Jettied floor · Leaded glass windows · Thatch roof · Chimney stack

Steps:

1. Why did Tudor builders often use a 'jetty' (overhanging upper floor) on houses built in crowded towns?
2. Explain the difference between 'wattle and daub' and the timber frame of a Tudor house.
3. Label your drawing to show which part of the house would have been the most expensive to build and

explain why.

4. If you were a wealthy merchant in the 1500s, what feature would you add to your house to show off your status?

5. Why were leaded glass windows used instead of large, clear sheets of glass during this period?