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The Tudor Dynasty (1485-1603)

Henry VII (1485-1509)

Henry VIII (1509-1547)

Edward VI (1547 - 1553)

Lady Jane Grey (1553)

Mary I (1553-1558)

Elizabeth (1558-1603)

Henry VIII, his wives, and children

Henry VIII (1509- d.1547)

Katharine of Aragon (m. 1509 - 1533)

Mary (b. 1516 - d. 1558)

Elizabeth Blount (1519)

Henry Fitzjoy (b. 1519 - d. 1536)

Anne Boleyn (m. 1533 - d. 1536)

Elizabeth (b. 1533 - d. 1603)

Jane Seymour (m. 1536 - d. 1537)

Edward VI (b. 1537 - d. 1553)

Anne of Cleves (m. 1540)

Katherine Howard (m. 1540 - d.1542)

Katherine Parr (m. 1543 - 1547)

Select Timeline of English History (1215-1603)

- 1215: The Magna Carta is signed. This document would stand as a symbol of not only freedom from oppression, but also the English system of common law.
- 1337 - 1453: The Hundred Years War, a series of military conflicts, takes place between the House of Plantagenet, the rulers of the English throne, and the House of Valois over control of the French throne. Ultimately the House of Valois retains the French throne.
- 1455 -1485: The War of the Roses, a series of civil wars, is fought for control of the English throne by two rival branches of the House of Plantagenet: the House of Lancaster (associated with a red rose) and the House of York (symbolized by a white rose).
- 1457: Henry Tudor (later Henry VII) is born at Pembroke Castle. Richard III seizes the English throne after the death of Edward IV (and the presumed deaths of Edward IV's two sons).
- 1485: The Battle of Bosworth is fought between Richard III and Henry Tudor resulting in Henry being proclaimed King of England. Henry VII is the first Tudor monarch.
- 1486: Henry VII marries Elizabeth of York (daughter of Edward IV)- healing the dynastic split between the Yorks and the Lancasters (from which line Henry was descended through his mother).
- 1486: Prince Arthur is born.
- 1489: Princess Margaret Tudor is born.
- 1491: Prince Henry (later Henry VIII) is born.
- 1492: The Treaty of Etaples is signed, making peace between England and France- for the time being.
- 1502: Prince Arthur dies. Prince Henry becomes heir to throne.
- 1503: Elizabeth of York dies during childbirth.
- 1509: Henry VII dies suddenly from a stroke. At age 17, Henry VIII ascends the throne. He also marries Katherine of Aragon (who had originally been married to his brother Arthur).
- 1513: The English army defeats the Scots at the Battle of Flodden (the Scottish king, James IV, is among the dead).
- 1516: Katherine of Aragon gives birth to Princess Mary.
- 1519: Elizabeth Blount gives birth to Henry's illegitimate son, Henry Fitzroy.
- 1520: Peace negotiations take place with François I of France.
- 1533: Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn. His marriage with Katherine of Aragon is annulled. Anne Boleyn gives birth to Princess Elizabeth.
- 1534: Pope Clement VII rules that Henry VIII's marriage to Katherine of Aragon cannot be dissolved. As a result, the King breaks from Rome and is excommunicated. The Act

of Supremacy is passed, establishing Henry VIII as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. Protestantism becomes the national religion.

- 1535: Thomas More is executed for his refusal to acknowledge Henry VIII's title as Supreme Head of the Church of England.
- 1536: Katherine of Aragon dies of natural causes. Accused of treason, Anne Boleyn is imprisoned at the Tower of London and executed. Henry VIII marries Jane Seymour. Henry VIII begins the dissolution of monasteries throughout England.
- 1537: Jane Seymour gives birth to Prince Edward. She dies a few days later.
- 1539: The *Great Bible* is published. This is the first authorized edition of the Bible to be printed in English.
- 1540: Henry VIII marries Anne of Cleves; the marriage is annulled six months later. Henry marries Katherine Howard. Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's secretary and chief minister, is executed for treason and heresy.
- 1541-2: Katherine Howard is accused of treason, stripped of her title, imprisoned, and, in 1542, executed.
- 1543: Henry VIII marries Katherine Parr at Hampton Court. (Katherine will die in 1548).
- 1547: Henry VIII dies. Edward VI succeeds to the throne, at the age of nine, and will rule for six years.
- 1553: Edward VI dies. He has named Lady Jane Grey (Henry VIII's youngest sister) as his successor, rather than either of his half-sisters, Mary or Elizabeth. Jane rules as Queen of England for nine days, from July 10 to July 19, until Mary, a Catholic, is proclaimed Queen by her allies.
- 1558: Mary acknowledges Elizabeth as her heir. After Mary's death, Elizabeth succeeds to the throne.
- 1559: Elizabeth is crowned Elizabeth I at Westminster Abbey. She announces that she has no plans to marry. She publishes a new *Prayer Book*.
- 1568: Religious tensions and resentment towards Spanish authority lead to the start of the Eighty Years War.
- 1562: The English lose occupation of Le Havre to France.
- 1570: Pope Pius V excommunicates Elizabeth I.
- 1571: A plot (known as the Ridolfi Plot) to assassinate Queen Elizabeth and replace her with Mary, Queen of Scots is foiled.
- 1583: Another plot (known as the Throckmorton plot) against Elizabeth I is prevented.
- 1585: Spain begins to take upper hand during the Eighty Years War. Elizabeth sends troops to the northern provinces (in the Netherlands) to aid the Dutch Republic against the Spanish.
- 1586: Another plot (known as the Babington plot) against Elizabeth I is prevented.
- 1588: The Spanish Armada suffers defeat by the English Navy.
- 1587: Mary, Queen of Scots is executed.

- 1596: The English economy is hit hard by the enormous costs of war, poor harvests, and the rising cost of living.
- 1603: Elizabeth I dies at Richmond Palace. She is the last of the Tudor Monarchs. James I (the son of Mary, Queen of Scots) succeeds the English throne and takes the title “King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland.”