

RELIGIOUS REVOLUTION: Was Henry VIII 'one of the nastiest kings of England'?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Henry VIII came became king in 1509.
 - Most famous for having six wives.
- He had 3 children, who continued the Tudor reign: Edward, Mary and Elizabeth.
- Created the Church of England and dissolved the monasteries.

KEYWORDS



1	HEIR	Person who gets property, money/ position after someone dies
2	MASS	An act of worship in the Catholic Church– Catholics pray and read from the Bible
3	REIGN	The time a King/ Queen rules for
4	TYRANT	A cruel and evil ruler/ leader
5	RUTHLESS	A person who shows no kindness, and is merciless and harsh to others.
6	TREASON	A crime where someone tries to overthrow or betray a King, Queen, ruler, or a country. <i>This crime can be punished by</i>

KEY KNOWLEDGE 1: What was Henry VIII like as King?



- Henry VIII was king for 36 years but he was **never meant to be king**– his older brother Arthur was! However, when Arthur died at age 15, Henry became the heir to the throne!
- Henry VIII was **well educated**, he could **speak 4 languages, write music and poetry** and a lot of people respected him. In fact, Henry and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon were quite popular. Henry was also very **athletic** and enjoyed hunting, archery, and jousting. Henry was also a **religious** man, he attended mass daily.
- However, Henry is remembered as a **ruthless** King who had over **72,000 people executed**
- Henry VIII was selfish and though he helped **improve England's Navy**, he actually **wasted a lot of** money on a number of wars he didn't win.

KEY KNOWLEDGE 2: Why did Henry VIII have six wives?



- Henry's first wife, **Catherine of Aragon**, gave him a **daughter– Mary– but no son** so **Henry wanted to remarry**. To do this he made himself the **head of the Church of England** and **gave himself a divorce**.
- He married **Anne Boleyn** but she too gave him a **daughter– Elizabeth**. Henry had her beheaded and married **Jane Seymour**– she gave him a **son called Edward** but she died.
- Henry's fourth wife was **Anne of Cleves**– he married her to strengthen England's ties with her German family. But he thought she was unattractive, calling her a 'mare' (horse).
- Henry divorced his fourth wife and married **Catherine Howard**, who was young and pretty. However she was beheaded for having affairs. Henry married **Catherine Parr**, his sixth wife, who helped bring his daughters back into the family. Henry died in 1547.

