



# History subject knowledge organiser— Off with her head (Tudors)

## Wow facts

### Food and Drink

- Food was seen as a sign of wealth.
- Bread, butter, cheese, eggs, fish and meat were usually on the menu along with potage (a vegetable broth thickened with oats.)
- Meat could include beef, pork, lamb, rabbit, pheasant, deer, goose, wild boar and pigeon.
- Henry VIII often ate swan and seagull.
- Water was not used as a drink as it was thought to be unsafe. People, including children, would drink weak ale instead.

### Tudor Houses

**Ordinary Tudor houses** were made from a framework of wooden beams with wattle and daub (sticks and twigs mixed with clay and dung) attached between the frame. The wattle and daub was painted white leaving the beams exposed.

**In poor Tudor houses**, chimneys were just a hole in the roof to let out smoke. Windows were made from animal's horns or paper.

**Wealthy Tudor houses** were built from bricks in a symmetrical formation. Chimneys were tall and ornate. Windows were a sign of wealth so rich Tudors had as many windows as possible.

### Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was a famous poet, playwright and actor of the Tudor times. He wrote many plays including Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream which were performed at the Globe Theatre in London.

### Tudor Clothes

Tudor clothing was lavish. Wealthy Tudors' clothes would be decorated with gold and jewels. Middle class Tudors' clothes were much plainer and poor Tudors would wear simple, loose fitting cotton clothes.

## Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Reformation	A major movement in Western Christianity that posed a religious and political challenge to the Catholic Church and to papal authority.
Dynasty	A succession of people from the same family who play a prominent role
Heir	A person who will inherit the <b>throne</b> when the current King or Queen dies
Monarch	A person who rules over a place, usually a King or Queen.
Reign	To rule over a country as a <b>monarch</b>
Throne	The position of a king or queen. Also a seat
Age of Exploration	A time when European nations began exploring the world. Also known as The Age of Discovery. This was from the 1400s to 1600s.

## Key People



## Diagrams/Pictures



The Tudor Rose

Key Events	
1485	Henry Tudor is crowned King Henry VII.
1509	Henry VII dies. His son, Henry VIII becomes King.
1534	Henry VIII forms the Church of England, separating it from the Roman Catholic Church.
1547	Henry VIII dies. His son, Edward VI becomes King aged 9 years old.
1553	Edward VI dies and the <b>throne</b> is given to Lady Jane Grey (Edward's cousin once removed) for just 9 days before Mary I takes the <b>throne</b> .
1558	Mary I dies. Her half-sister Elizabeth I is Queen of England.
1588	The Spanish Armada is defeated by the English.
1603	Queen Elizabeth I dies ending the Tudor <b>reign</b> .

## Henry VIII's Wives



