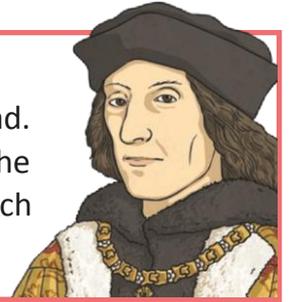


The Tudors

The Tudors ruled England for 118 years and are one of the most famous families in history. It started with King Henry VII in 1485 and ended in 1603 when Queen Elizabeth I died without an **heir**. In that time, the country went through many changes.

Who Were the Tudors?

'Tudor' is the surname that each of the kings and queens during this period had. When Henry Tudor defeated Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, he became King. He took the name Henry VII but his surname was still 'Tudor', which meant it was the beginning of England's Tudor period.



The Tudor Rose

With Henry becoming King, it brought an end to the Wars of the Roses. This was an ongoing fight between two royal families – the House of Lancaster, whose **emblem** was a red rose, and the House of York, represented by a white rose. In 1486, a year after his triumph, Henry (who was from the House of Lancaster) married Elizabeth of York, uniting both houses. As a symbol of this union, the two roses were merged to create the Tudor Rose, which is still used as an emblem of England today.



Henry VIII

When Henry VII died in 1509, his son – also called Henry – came to power. He was crowned Henry VIII and went on to become one of history's most famous figures. During his 37-year reign, Henry VIII made history in so many ways. He had six wives, created a new church and was responsible for having more than 70,000 people executed!

Henry's first act as King was to marry Catherine of Aragon. He then divorced her in 1533, with her not having given him a son. Henry then married Anne Boleyn. She didn't give him a son either and Henry had her beheaded! In all, Henry VIII had two wives executed, two he

1. Catherine of Aragon 	2. Anne Boleyn 	3. Jane Seymour 
Divorced	Beheaded	Died
4. Anne of Cleves 	5. Kathryn Howard 	6. Catherine Parr 
Divorced	Beheaded	Survived



Tudor Kings and Queens

Henry VII – 1485-1509



Henry VIII – 1509-1547



Edward VI – 1547-1553



Jane Grey – July 1553



Mary I – 1553-1558



Elizabeth I – 1558-1603



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divorced, one died of natural causes and one of them survived him.

The Church of England

When the **Pope** refused to allow Henry to divorce his first wife, Henry decided to take matters into his own hands. Henry split from the **Roman Catholic Church** and made his own strand of Christianity! He called it the Church of England and he named himself as head. That way, he gave himself permission to divorce Catherine!

Henry's Children

After Henry VIII died in 1547, three of his children went on to rule England. Elizabeth I was the most famous of all. She was Queen for 44 years until she died in 1603, ending the Tudor period.

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Did You Know...?

Edward VI was King for just six years before he died aged 15. However, his successor, Lady Jane Grey, had an even shorter reign. She held the throne for a mere nine days before Mary I was proclaimed Queen.



Glossary

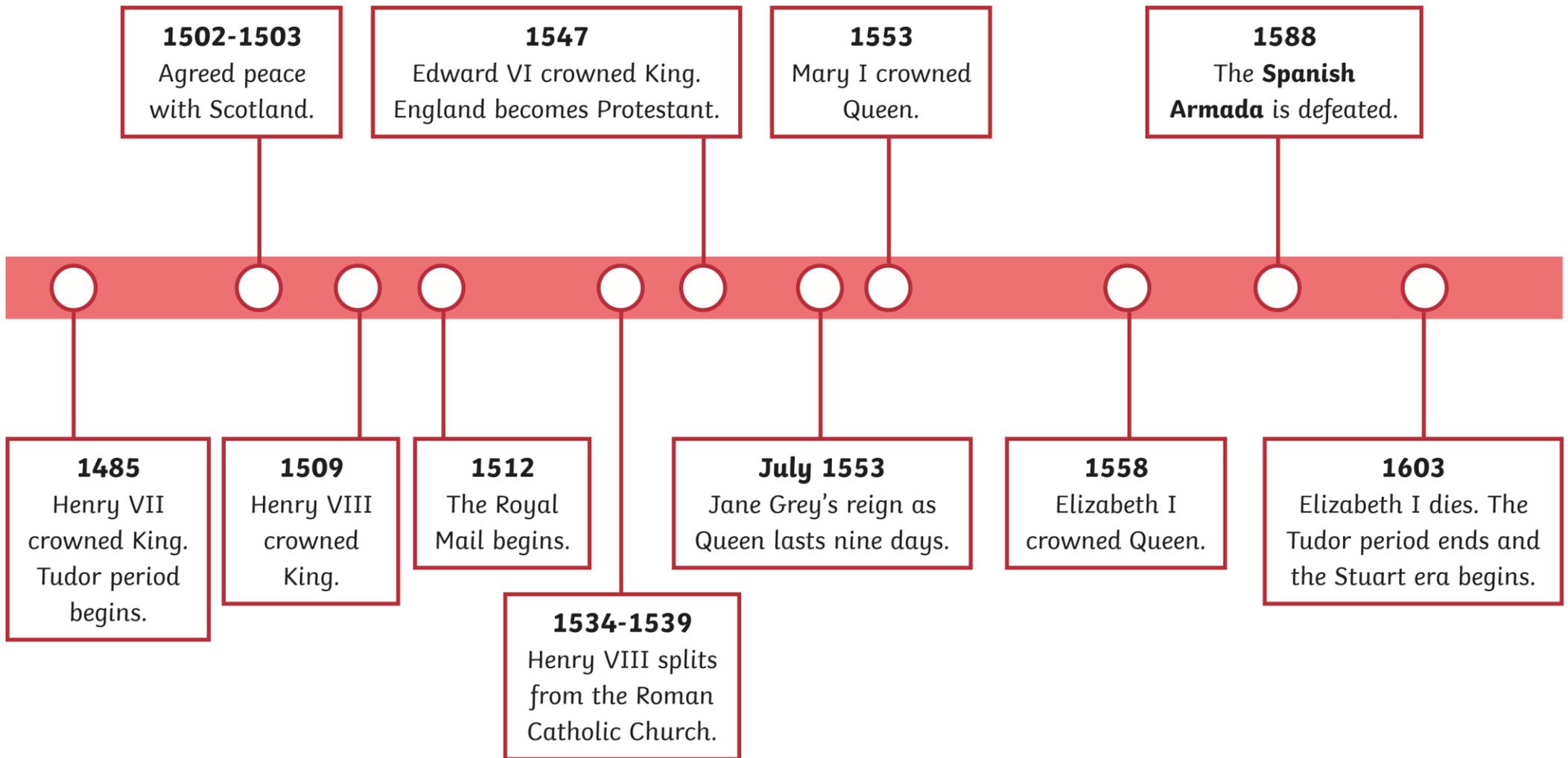
emblem: A symbol, like a badge or sign.

heir: A person (usually a son or daughter) who is given the position, property and wealth of another person (usually their parent) when they die.

Pope: Head of the Roman Catholic Church.

Protestant: A member of a Christian faith that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church.

Roman Catholic: A member of a Christian faith that has the Pope as its head.



Tudor Timeline

Questions

1. Which king and queen started and ended the Tudor period?

2. **In 1486, a year after his triumph, Henry married Elizabeth of York.**

Why might this have been hard for Elizabeth's family to live with?

3. What is the Tudor Rose?

4. Do you think Henry VIII married for love? Give reasons in your answer.

5. How long was Lady Jane Grey Queen for?

6. Which of these dates are periods in which a Tudor king or queen was on the throne? Tick **two**.

1485-1509

1509-1574

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- 1553-1558
- 1558-1903

7. Match the numbers to these events in the text so that they are in order. The first one has been done for you.

- The Royal Mail begins.
- 1 The Battle of Bosworth.
- Split from the Roman Catholic Church.
- End of the Wars of the Roses.
- The Spanish Armada is defeated.

8. **Queen Elizabeth I died without an heir.**

What does this mean and how do you think Queen Elizabeth I felt knowing that this was going to happen?

9. What two events happened in 1553? Explain how this may have affected the country.

