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HISTORY FESTIVAL
FOR SCHOOLS
TEACHER NOTES



SCHOOLS HISTORY HUB: HENRY VIII

Age Group: Key Stages 2/3

Key Question: Why does knowing about King Henry VIII matter?

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BEFORE WATCHING THE VIDEO YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Henry was born in 1491, became king in 1509 and died in 1547.
- His father was Henry Tudor, who became King Henry VII, the first Tudor monarch.
- He married six times.




In this video the historian Dominic Sandbrook lists “Ten things to know about Henry VIII”.


RECORD YOUR RESPONSES BELOW TO THE TEN SECTIONS OF THE VIDEO, LEADING UP TO THE KEY QUESTION:



Henry wasn't born to be king. *Why not?*



He was fit before he was fat. *What skills did Henry have as a young man?*



Fear underpinned everything. *Fear of what?*



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Henry desperately wanted a male heir. *Why was he desperate?*



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Anne Boleyn changed everything. *What pressure did she put on Henry?*



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He set himself up as the Head of the Church. *Why did he have to make himself Head of the Church?*



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Henry became greedy. *What other reason did he have for taking over the Church and the monasteries?*



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People came to see him as a monster.

He was grotesque and corrupt by the end. *Use these two sections of the video to write three sentences about Henry in the last years of his life.*



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Henry VIII was a king that mattered



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FINALLY... In your own words, write about the importance of Henry VIII, starting like this *"In my opinion Henry VIII matters to us today because..."*



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