

History Knowledge Organiser

Henry VIII – Year 3

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Protestant	A division of Christianity. Protestantism has simpler churches without much decoration, and the pope is not in charge.
Catholic	Another division of Christianity. In Catholicism, the bible is in Latin, the Pope is head of the church, and churches are beautifully decorated with lots of gold and paintings.
Break with Rome/Reformation	When England became a Protestant country and King Henry VIII became head of the Church of England.
Dissolution of the Monasteries	King Henry VIII closed the monasteries and abbeys of England and seized their land and wealth.
Divine Right of Kings	The belief that Kings are chosen by God and are therefore must only obey God.

Reasons for the Reformation	
Money	With the Dissolution of the Monasteries , King Henry seized a lot of land from the Catholic church. This amounted at the time to £150,000 added income to the crown.
Power	King Henry VIII became increasingly driven by power through his reign. He believed in the Divine Right of Kings and because of this did not believe he should have to answer to the Pope, who is the head of the Catholic Church.
Marriage	King Henry VIII was married to Catherine of Aragon. He believed he should not have been married to her as she was previously his brother's wife. She also failed to give him the son he needed to become his heir. However, the Pope refused to grant them a divorce .

The Wives of King Henry VIII



Henry VIII as a young man



Henry VIII as a King



Catherine of Aragon
Married: 1509-1533
Divorced



Anne Boleyn
Married: 1533-1536
Beheaded



Jane Seymour
Married: 1536-1537
Died



Anne of Cleves
Married: 1540-1540
Divorced



Kathryn Howard
Married: 1540-1542
Beheaded



Katherine Parr
Married: 1543-1547
Survived