

#### The Elizabethan Era

- Things you will learn about:
- Henry VIII and his wives
- Henry's Heirs
- Class system and clothing of the era
- > The Plague
- Notable Playwrights



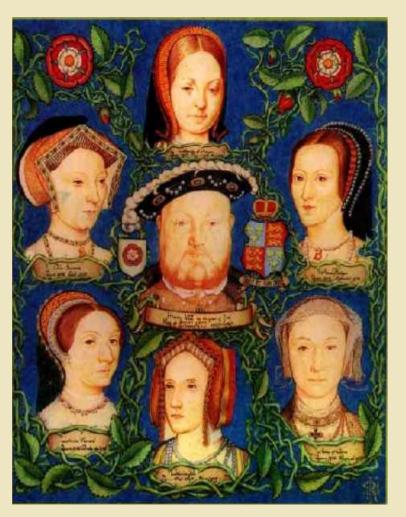


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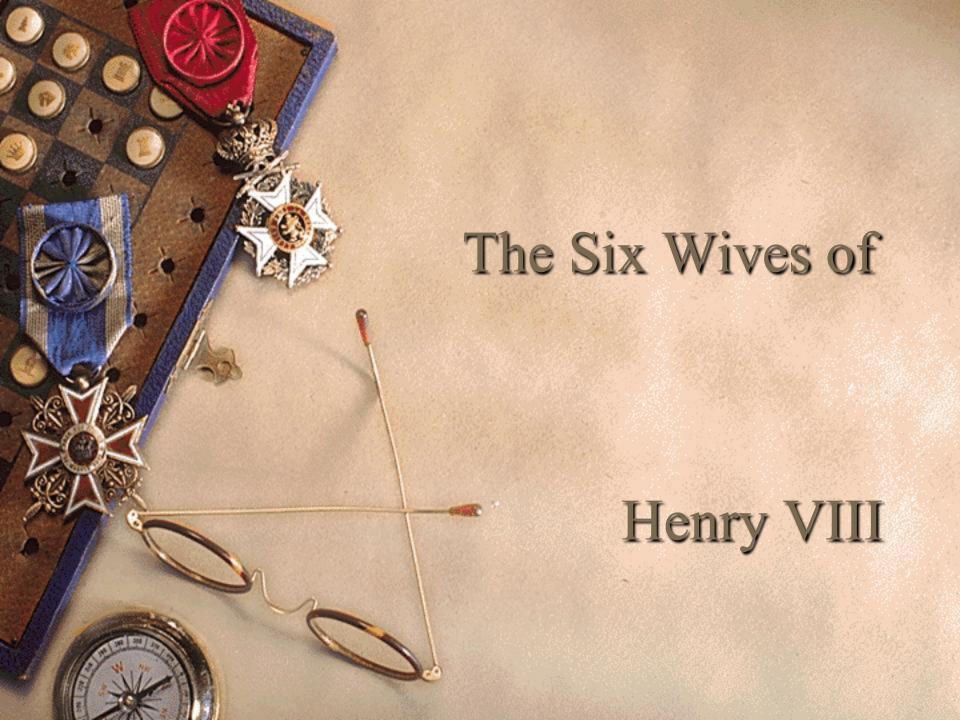




## Henry VIII The Ladies' Man



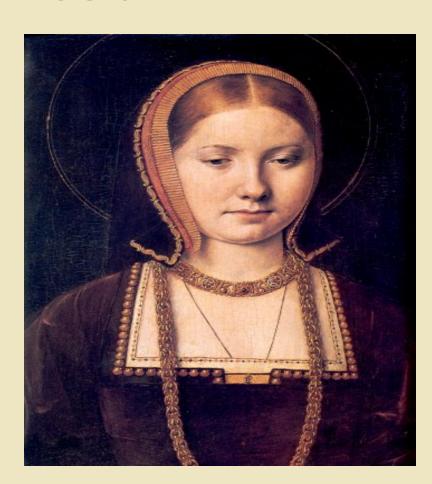
- Henry had a total of 6 wives.
- He kept marrying in order to produce a legitimate heir to the throne.
- What was most important to Henry was to have a son.





### Catherine of Aragon 1486-1536

- Daughter of Spanish Royalty.
- First married Henry's brother Arthur.
- She and Henry were forced to marry to keep the delicate relationship of England and Spain intact.
- Knew Henry was cheating on her.
- Had one child, Mary.
- Henry was frustrated that she could not produce a male child.
- Henry believed she was cursed since she was his brother's widow.
- Henry divorces her in 1533.





#### Anne Boleyn 1501/07-1536



- She was the mother of Elizabeth.
- She was the first of Henry's wives to lose their head.
- She was accused of adultery and treason.
- Married Henry while he was still married to Catherine because she became pregnant.



### Jane Seymour 1508-1537

- Considered by Henry to be his first true wife.
- Mother of Edward.
- Died 2 weeks after the birth of Edward.
- Henry stayed single for 2 years after her death.
- The only one of Henry's
   6 wives to be buried with
   Henry in his tomb.





#### Anne of Cleves 1515-1557



- Married to Henry to form an alliance with France.
- Henry thought she was ugly.
- Married and single again in the same year.
- Marriage to Henry was annulled.
- Given the title of "King's Sister" after the marriage was dissolved.



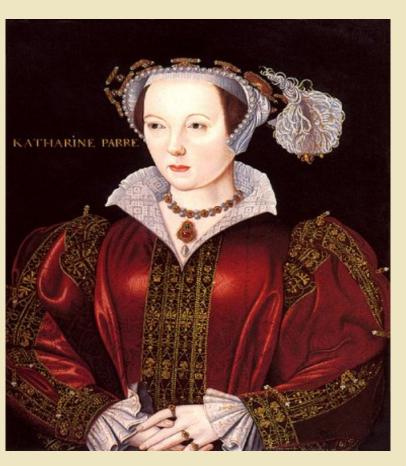
### Catherine Howard 1520/25-1542



- The second of Henry's wives to be executed.
- She was the first cousin of Anne Boleyn.
- Married Henry 16 days after his marriage to Anne was dissolved.
- She was roughly 19 when she married Henry.
- Accused of adultery.



### Catherine Parr 1512-1548



- Named after Catherine of Aragon by her mother.
- She was outspoken and a source of scandal.
- After Henry's death, she secretly married Thomas Seymour, brother of Jane, Henry's 3<sup>rd</sup> wife.



#### Henry and the Catholic Church

- Henry wanted to divorce Catherine of Aragon.
- The Pope refused to grant him a divorce.
- Henry forms his own Church, The Church of England and the Protestant religion.
- He gives himself the role of Supreme Ruler in the church.
- This move deeply divides England between Catholics and Protestants.



#### The Heirs of Henry VIII-Not the way he planned it...









### Edward VI 1537-1553

- He was the son of Jane Seymour
- He inherited the English throne at the age of 10.
- He ruled from 1547-1553.
- He died most likely of tuberculosis.





#### Mary Tudor 1516-1558



- She was also known as "Bloody Mary".
- She had over 250 people executed for being Protestant.
- Her mother was Catherine of Aragon.
- She was the half sister of Edward and Elizabeth.
- She was a devout Catholic (like her mother).
- She ruled from 1553-1558.
- She died of ovarian cancer.



### Elizabeth 1533-1603

- Her mother was Anne Boleyn.
- She is also known as the "Virgin Queen" because she never married.
- She was a Protestant.
- Many thought she should not be Queen since she was conceived out of wedlock.
- She ruled from 1558-1603.
- She was the last of the Tudor monarchy to rule England.
- She died of depression, failing health, and refusal to take nourishment.

