

EARLY MODERN HISTORY

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Welcome to the Early Modern A-level History Course – these tasks will give you a chance to start to explore some of the characters and issues we cover on the early modern course.

Task 1: 2 hours

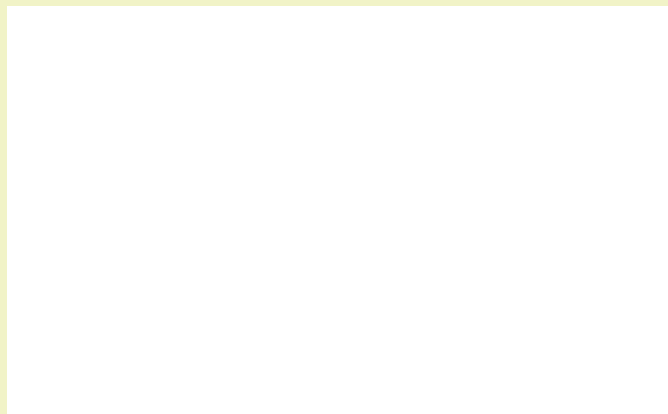
You should spend around 3 hours on this task.

Meet the Monarchs. Undertake some research into the four monarchs we cover in our Tudor State unit. Use the headings to create a short profile on each.

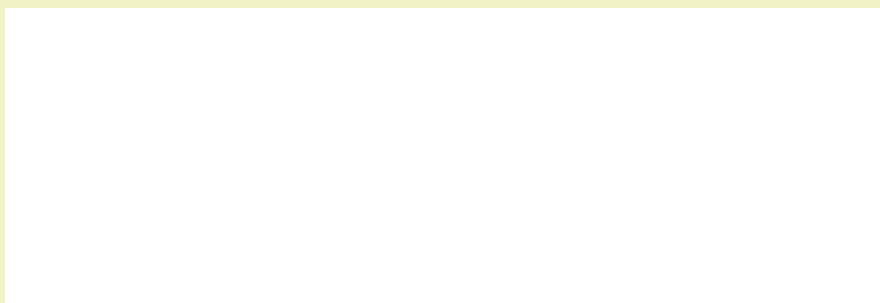
Monarch	Find 10 key facts about their life and achievements. (include things like birth/death, who their parents were, how long they ruled, their religion)	See if you can find two different historians views on their rule	Give your view on them as a monarch once you have completed this research
Henry VIII			
Edward VI			
Mary Tudor			
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Task 2: Power of Tudor imagery - 1 hour

Compare these Tudor portraits of Henry – what propaganda messages are they giving us about Henry as a king?



This is a famous propaganda portrait of Elizabeth after the defeat of the Armada, 1588. Look at the portrait and try and interpret what the portrait is designed to tell us.



Task 3: Tudor chief servants of the state - 1-2 hours

Research these key figures in the Tudor state and decide how important you think they were. Use the template below to help your structure.

	Why were they important figures in the Tudor state? How did they serve their King or Queen?	
Cardinal Wolsey – served Henry VIII		
Thomas Cromwell – also served Henry VIII		
William Cecil – served Elizabeth I		
Francis Walsingham – also served Elizabeth I		

Your Judgement – which of these chief servants of the state did most to serve the Tudor monarch and the state? Aim to explain and justify your judgment here.

Reading List

Reading list – there are lots of resources to help you learn more about the Tudor world and the world of Martin Luther.

Some suggestions for reading:

- Tudors of England by Philip Ackroyd
- House of Tudor – Alison Plowden
- The Tudors by GJ Meyer
- Tudor Queens by David Loades
- Daily life during the Reformation by J Anderson

Also there are some good documentaries on Youtube such as Susannah Lipscomb on Henry VIII and David Starkey on all the Tudor monarchs.

