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# Tudor timeline

**1485:** The Battle of Bosworth marks the end of the War of the Roses.

**1492:** Christopher Columbus discovers the West Indies.

**1509:** Henry VIII marries Catherine of Aragon.

**1510:** The Mary Rose is built.

**1516:** Catherine of Aragon gives birth to Mary.

**1533:** Henry marries Anne Boleyn. She gives birth a to a daughter, Elizabeth.

**1534:** Henry VIII is confirmed as 'Supreme Head of the Church of England'.

**1536:** Anne Boleyn is beheaded and Henry marries Jane Seymour.

**1536–1539:** Monasteries are closed or destroyed.

**1537:** Jane gives birth to a son, Edward, the next heir to the throne. She dies 12 days later.

**1540:** Henry marries his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. In the same year, Henry divorces Anne and marries Catherine Howard.

**1542:** Catherine Howard is executed.

**1543:** Henry marries Catherine Parr.

**1544:** Henry VIII invades France.

**1545:** The Mary Rose sinks in Portsmouth.

**1547:** Henry VIII dies.

**1577:** Sir Francis Drake sets off around the world on a three-year voyage.

**1591:** William Shakespeare's first play is performed on stage.

**1585–1604:** England and Spain at war.

**1603:** Queen Elizabeth I dies.

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