

MINI HISTORIES COMIC

MAX IN... THE TUDORS

This month, NG Kids' time-travelling mouse, Max, visits the Tudors and meets the infamous Henry VIII!

Hey, gang! The dark old days of the crazy Middle Ages are over. Say hello to the world-changing Tudors!

William Caxton's printing press helped bring the written word to the masses, making knowledge more accessible for all. Yay! Sadly, it was also a time of many religious battles. Yikes!

Hooray! Now I can read books all by myself.

You're holding it upside down, silly!

England also had a fun-loving king in the larger-than-life Henry VIII, who enjoyed nothing better than hunting and playing games.

Larger than life? You ain't kidding!

Henry was desperate for a son and heir, a quest that would change the way England was ruled over forever...

Henry got older and fatter (so fat he had to be hoisted upstairs to bed!), and squandered all his wealth on wars, leaving his country in a muddle.

Wait! I forgot my mug of cocoa!

When Henry died, he left the country in the hands of his nine-year-old son, Edward...

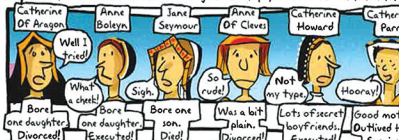
Edward's uncle, the Duke Of Somerset, ran the country for the child king. But he was unpopular, and people even accused him of poisoning his nephew in a bid to take over the throne!

Hey! That's my crown!

Just run along and play with your toys!

...Edward was so sickly, he died at the age of 15, and was replaced by his Protestant cousin, Jane.

Henry married six times. Here's a guide to help you remember who's who!



Henry really wanted to get out of his first marriage to Catherine with a divorce, but the Pope wouldn't let him.

In a period called the Reformation, Henry and his soldiers burnt down Catholic churches and monasteries, and took all their land and money.



So he cut his with the Roman Catholic Church and set up his own - the Church Of England! Now he could do what he liked!



Henry was a law unto himself, and his head seemed to be getting as big as his belly...

But just nine days later, Jane was booted out by Edward's Catholic sister, Mary, who became Queen Of England herself. She married the Catholic Philip II, who was King Of Spain and, er, everywhere else, too, really!



All of the Protestant laws were quickly swept away and Catholic ones re-introduced!

But Mary herself didn't reign for long, dying five years later. Her sister Elizabeth stormed to power, restoring the Protestant church, but also allowing people to be a little bit Catholic if they wanted.



Typical Elizabethan manners... Being single and the Queen, The Government wanted Elizabeth to marry SOMEONE, but the fiery queen wasn't having any of it...

Philip sent an armada (group) of 138 ships to invade England. Cool dude, English Commander Sir Francis Drake, played bowls before heading off to battle!



The Spanish were properly beaten and, to add insult to injury, were wrecked by terrible gales as they headed round the British Isles. Only half the ships made it back home.

The great explorer, Sir Walter Raleigh, brought back many exotic things to impress Queen Elizabeth, including potatoes and pineapples.



Chomp! It'll never catch on.

The cheeky King Philip Of Spain wanted to know if Elizabeth would like to marry him. She didn't!



Elizabeth's exciting reign also saw much exploration of the New World - the Americas. Colonies were set up and strange herbs and gold were discovered and imported by merchants hoping to become super rich!



Arts and culture thrived in Elizabethan times, especially thanks to the one and only William Shakespeare, whose plays still pack theatres today!



Will's way with words really DID catch on!

And so we reach the end of the time of the Tudors. Come back next month when we discover the Stuarts...



...and things get EXPLOSIVE (well, nearly). Bye!