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THE LIFE OF HENRY VIII IN UNDER A MINUTE

NG Kids' time-travelling mouse, Max, visits the ruthless King Henry VIII...



Unfortunatly, in 1502 Henry's brother Arthur died, leaving Henry heir to the throne.

I'm sorry Henry, I'm afraid Arthur has died...

How terribly sad.

Woo hoo! Oh yeah! I'm totally going to be King! Whoop!

Crikey! Under a minute? Then let's get to it!

Born June 28 1491 Prince Henry was the second son of Tudor King Henry VII.

When Henry VII died five years later, Prince Henry became Henry VIII and immediately set about marrying his dead brother's widow, Catherine of Aragon.

Forget about him! You can marry me, now! Aren't you lucky?

Gasp! Talk about jumping in my grave!

Henry was a breath of fresh air after his boring dad. He enjoyed big parties and always took his mates out hunting!

Ha ha! I love the new king, he's such a brilliant laugh!

He had a big party with the French king Francis I and Charles V, ruler of the Holy Roman Empire. But it all went wrong after Francis beat Henry in a wrestling match. Within weeks they were at war!

Come on then! I'll take you all on!

Can someone take him off? Gasp!

After 24 years of marriage, Catherine had failed to give Henry a male heir.

No heir today...

You're gone tomorrow!

Henry wanted a divorce, but the Pope wouldn't let him. So Henry set up his own Church of England, made himself boss and granted himself a divorce!

Won't give me a divorce, eh?

I'll show ya!

Ooh, he should watch his temper, he'll do himself a mischief!

Henry's quest for a male heir led to him having six wives. Here's a handy guide!

- Catherine of Aragon
No male heir - Had a daughter - **DIVORCED**
- Anne Boleyn
No male heir - Had a daughter - **BEHEADED**
- Jane Seymour
A male heir! Hooray! She died...
- Anne of Cleves
too ugly! **DIVORCED**
- Catherine Howard
Treason! **BEHEADED**
- Catherine Parr
Outlived the King **SURVIVED**

Henry famously agreed to marry Anne of Cleves based on a portrait by Hans Holbein. But when he saw her in real life he divorced her immediately!

Cooee!

You've got to be kidding me!

He called her the 'Mare of Flanders', i.e. she looked like a horse. Yikes!

Continuing wars in France and Scotland meant Henry ran out of money. He sold land and raided church coffers. The country was bankrupt.

Come on, you must have some more!

Put me down! Everyone can see my pants!

In his last days he was fat, bald and infirm. Everyone hated him, apart from his last wife Catherine Parr. She was a loving companion and step-mother to his children.

I still love you dear!

Bah!

Whew!

Did we fit it all in? What did I miss?

What more can you find out about King Henry VIII?