

The Reformation In England

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Henry VIII



- ▲ King Henry VIII was a very Catholic king of England. As the Protestant Reformation raged on the continent of Europe the Pope did not have to worry about England.
- ▲ In 1521 Henry VIII wrote in opposition to the Protestants. The Pope called Henry the “Defender of the Faith.”

Henry VIII's Crisis of Faith

- ▲ King Henry had a daughter, but he had no son.
- ▲ No woman had ever ruled England, and Henry wanted a male heir.
- ▲ Henry's wife Catherine was getting old, and Henry was convinced she would never have a son.
- ▲ Guess what Henry VIII wanted...

Royal Divorce

- ▲ Catholic law strictly prohibited divorce.
- ▲ The Pope did have the power to annul the marriage, but when Henry asked him to he refused.
- ▲ Henry VIII decides to stop being such a good Catholic.
- ▲ In 1529 he summons a Parliament to make laws ending the Pope's authority in England.

Who runs the church now?



- ▲ The same Parliament that kicked the Pope out of England passed the Act of Supremacy.
- ▲ Under this act, the people of England would have to sign an oath that recognized Henry VIII as the head of the church.
- ▲ A devout Catholic named Thomas More refused to sign the oath and was executed.

So, what's next for Henry VIII?



- ▲ The Immediate result of the English Reformation was that Henry VIII, not the Pope, was in charge of the Church of England.
- ▲ Henry VIII married again before his divorce was legal. His new wife, Anne Boleyn, also did not give Henry a son.
- ▲ In 1536 she was beheaded.

The Children of Henry VIII

- ▲ Henry's third wife, Jane Seymour, gave birth to a son who was named Edward, but Seymour died shortly after he was born.
- ▲ Henry would marry three more times, but he never had any more children.
- ▲ All three of his children (Edward VI, Bloody Mary, and Elizabeth I) would rule England.
- ▲ Edward = Sickly
- ▲ Mary = Catholicism returns to England
- ▲ Elizabeth = The return of Protestantism and the creation of the Anglican Church (Church of England).