




What was the Reformation and why did it happen?

The Reformation was a period of history where members of the Catholic church began to challenge the leadership and ideas of the Catholic church and decided to leave to form the Protestant church. They were led by a German priest called Martin Luther.

Why did Henry break from Rome?

Social	Economic	Political
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry had fallen in love with Anne Boleyn. Anne did not want an affair she wanted marriage. Some people criticized the Catholic Church for being corrupt. They were Protestants (Anne Boleyn was a Protestant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church was extremely wealthy. Henry needed the money to fight in future wars (he was poor from fighting with France). If he shut down the monasteries, he could have the wealth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry needed a male heir to the throne. Catherine of Aragon had failed to give him a son to be the next King of England. The Pope would not grant Henry a divorce. Henry was humiliated and believed he should have more power than the Pope in England. 

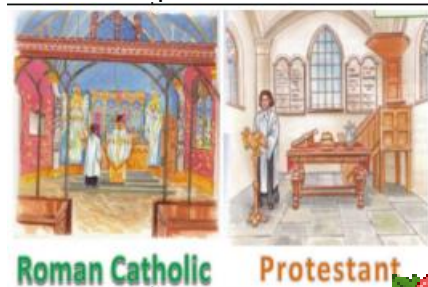
How Bloody was Mary?

Mary was a committed Catholic. When she came to the throne, she vowed to return England to Rome and Catholicism. She is known as Bloody Mary because of the numbers of people who were executed for being Protestants. Mary burned nearly three hundred Protestants at the stake. This was not an unusual punishment for those who went against the Church. Mary's father ordered the deaths of nearly 37,000 people while Elizabeth had 600 people executed.

Did Edward make a difference?

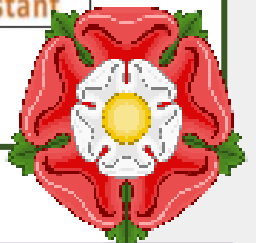
Edward was the only son of Henry VIII. Edward VI became king at the age of nine. His mother was Jane Seymour.

He made changes to the Church: It was announced that priests would be allowed to marry, a new Prayer Book, Mass was abolished, alters were removed and replaced with simple tables, Priests had to wear simple clothes.



Roman Catholic

Protestant



The Tudor 'Religious Rollercoaster'.

There was a rollercoaster of changes from Henry VIII wanting an heir to the throne brought in the reformation with the Protestant religion. Edward pushed complete Protestantism with his Act of Uniformity. Mary, I wanted to see the return of Catholicism, executing over 8,000 Protestants. And Elizabeth settled with a Middle way, appeasing both religions.

