

KS3 History- Lesson 1 of 6

The Religious Rollercoaster

Enquiry: In what ways did the Reformation matter to ordinary people?

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Henry VIII's Reign (1509-1547)

Henry VIII was a very serious **Catholic**. However, he ended up falling out with the **Pope**.

Henry VIII desperately wanted to divorce his wife Catherine of Aragon, because she couldn't give him a son. However, the **Pope** refused.

In order to get his divorce, Henry VIII made himself Head of the Church of England, rather than the **Pope**. Henry also made a few **Protestant** changes to the Church. He made every church buy a copy of the Bible in English and put it at the front for people to read.



Edward VI's Reign (1547-1553)

When Henry VIII died his son Edward became King Edward VI. Edward was only nine-years-old when he became king. Edward was a very serious **Protestant**.

Edward was determined to make the English Church completely **Protestant**. As a result, Edward forced all churches to destroy their statues and decorations. King Edward also introduced a new **Protestant** prayer book, with services in English. Every church in England was forced to use this new prayer book.



Mary I's Reign (1553-1558)

Edward VI was not king for very long. He died when he was just fifteen-years-old and his older sister Mary became queen.

Mary I was a very serious **Catholic**. She wanted to make the English Church **Catholic** once more. As a result she ordered all churches to bring back their statues and decorations and rebuild any that had been destroyed. She also told every English church to get rid of their English Bible and Protestant prayer book and go back to worshipping in the traditional **Catholic** way.



Elizabeth I's Reign (1558-1603)

Mary wasn't queen for very long either. She died in 1558, after being queen for just five years. Her younger sister Elizabeth then became queen.

Elizabeth I was a **Protestant**, although not a strict one. She did make the Church of England **Protestant**, but tried to make sure that everyone felt part of her church. All churches had to use a **Protestant** prayer book, but it wasn't as strict as Edward's. This was because Elizabeth wanted to try and keep **Catholics** happy. Churches also had to remove their statues and decorations, but they didn't have to destroy them.



Glossary

Catholic: The universal Church, led by the Pope. They believed in beautiful decorated churches and wanted church services to be in Latin.

Pope: The leader of the Catholic Church.

Protestant: This was a group of people who protested against the Catholic Church. They believed in plain, simple churches and wanted people to read the Bible and have church services in their own language.



Comprehension Questions

You need to answer these four questions, by choosing the correct option from below.

1. How did Henry VIII change the English Church?
2. How did Edward VI change the English Church?
3. How did Mary I change the English Church?
4. How did Elizabeth I change the English Church?

Options to choose from:

- They made the English Church Protestant, forcing churches to destroy statues and use a new Protestant prayer book.
- They made the English Church Catholic again, telling people to worship in the traditional Catholic way.
- They made themselves Head of the Church and made churches buy an English Bible.
- They made the English Church Protestant, but weren't as strict so that everyone felt included.

