

Treehouse Theatre

The Tudor 2-Day Project

Project Outline

The 2-Day Tudor project is a fun, challenging and rewarding experience for students. During **2 days of workshops and rehearsals**, students prepare to perform 'The Tudor Dynasty' - a hilarious historical play following the lives and loves - and how they lost them - of all the Tudor monarchs. The 2 days culminate in an **after school and/or early evening performance** to which an audience can be invited. Schools are actively involved by preparing some cross-curricular aspects of the performance in advance - Tudor dances, songs and music, some casting, short pieces of Shakespeare and similar. We are very flexible and will adapt to your individual school.

Performance

The performance is an adapted version of our Play-in-a-Day 'The Tudor Dynasty', and is about 1 hour long. Ben Lindsey-Clark will be the narrator and provide support, and the children will play all the other parts. Most children will have 2 parts in the play, and lines to say. The performance will not be 'polished' and children with speaking parts will have cue cards to use if they want to.

'The Tudor Dynasty' is staged 'in the round', with a 4-sided audience and central stage. Children in the Play will sit in the front rows on mats, behind which will be chairs on each side for invited audience.

Props and costumes

We will provide some simple props and costumes, and additionally children will be asked to dress up for the performance. We will provide you with a dressing up handout to send home. No staging or scenery is required as the performance is in the round.

Preparation

The school will be asked to prepare some aspects of the performance in advance.

This typically includes:

- Casting & encouraging children to design & make a costume for their character
- Preparing a Tudor dance with music
- Learning the words to a couple of songs
- Forming a music group to perform Greensleeves to the court of Henry VIII, ideally with singers.
- Preparing a simple scene / sonnet / speech from Shakespeare to perform to the court of Elizabeth 1st
- 'Front of house' and 'sound' on the night (could be teachers or children)

Treehouse Theatre will assist the school in this preparation, and you can expect from us:

- A resource pack of Tudor activities
- A list of characters, with guidance for casting and suggestions for costumes
- Cue cards for children in advance
- Words to songs, music for Greensleeves
- Suggestions for Shakespeare scenes if required
- A detailed timetable for the project
- A floor plan for setting up the hall, so that you can work out how many seats you will have for parents.

Cost

2-day project with 1 after school or early evening performance: £885 + travel
2-day project with 1 after school and 1 early evening performance: £985 + travel

NOTE: If you have more than 60 children, you will probably require 2 performances to accommodate all the parents; this also depends on hall size.