

Treehouse Theatre

A Play-in-a-Day The Tudor Dynasty

The whole of the Tudor Dynasty in just an hour, starting with the Battle of Bosworth Field and ending as Elizabeth I dies childless and the era of the Stuarts begins.

This play is fun, fast-paced and full of executions, marriages, battles and.....well, more executions. Staged in chronological order, the play re-enacts the story of the Tudor monarchy showing and explaining its progression. The play brings up some of the key questions of the era - Why did Elizabeth I execute Mary Queen of Scots? Why did Henry VIII marry 6 times? What did it mean to be a Protestant or a Catholic in Tudor times?



Main topics covered in the Play

- The Battle of Bosworth Field and the defeat of Richard III by Henry Tudor
- Henry VII's rise to wealth, and how he made England peaceful
- Henry VIII comes to the throne
- Henry's children (Mary & Elizabeth) and the need for a male heir
- Henry VIII becomes a Protestant & the split with the Catholic Church
- The six wives of Henry VIII, why each marriage took place and how it ended
- An heir to the throne (Edward)
- Edward VI comes to the throne and makes changes to the Protestant faith under the protection of the Dukes of Somerset and Northumberland
- Lady Jane Grey rules for 9 days
- Mary Tudor takes the throne and tries to turn England Catholic again
- Elizabeth I comes to the throne
- Elizabeth and marriage (or not!)
- Mary Queen of Scots – her story and execution
- Invasion by the Spanish Armada
- The end of the Tudor Dynasty