Crown, Power and Betrayal

Year 5 • Snow-day activities

Explore the Tudors from home using your knowledge organiser and everyday materials. Choose two or three activities each day, with breaks. No printing is needed.

1. Build a Tudor timeline



Write 1485, 1509, 1534, 1558 and 1603 on separate paper cards. Add the matching events from your organiser, then arrange them in order. Calculate the years between events.

Challenge: which event changed England most?

2. Royal portrait detective



Study Henry VIII's portrait. What do his clothes, jewellery and pose suggest? Draw your own royal portrait with three objects showing power, wealth or wisdom. Label your choices.

3. Design a royal palace



Draw a Tudor palace plan or build a model using clean recycling. Include a great hall, kitchens, royal rooms and gardens. Label features providing comfort, protection or a display of wealth. How would your palace impress visitors?

4. Create a Tudor rose



Combine the red rose of Lancaster and the white rose of York using drawing or collage. Write a museum label explaining the colours.

Challenge: design a new symbol representing unity in your school.

5. Royal fact-file game



Make cards for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. Add accurate facts from your organiser, with names on the back. Read the clues for someone to guess the monarch. Separate facts from opinions.

6. Advise the monarch



How can a ruler gain and keep power? Write a royal adviser's letter suggesting three approaches. Consider portraits, palaces, a strong navy and an heir. Explain each idea using evidence from your organiser.



Creative challenge: The Snowbound Palace

A royal messenger arrives with an important letter, but snow has blocked the roads! Write a short story with three accurate Tudor facts. Underline them so readers can distinguish history from imagination.



Ask an adult for help cutting cardboard.