

# Fascinating Facts About Henry VIII For 12 Year Olds

Welcome young readers, as we step back in time to learn about one of England's most iconic historical figures - King Henry VIII. Get ready to discover amazing facts and delve into the captivating life of this influential monarch who ruled England in the 16th century.

## Who Was Henry VIII?

Henry VIII was the second Tudor monarch to ascend to the English throne. He was born on June 28, 1491, in Greenwich, London, and reigned as King of England from 1509 until his death in 1547. Known for his six marriages and significant impact on the English Reformation, Henry VIII was a highly complex and intriguing figure.

## 1. The Early Years

Henry VIII became king at the young age of 17, following the death of his father, Henry VII. He was married to Catherine of Aragon, a princess from Spain, shortly after ascending the throne.



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## 2. The Great Matter

One of the most notable events during Henry VIII's reign was his desire to divorce Catherine of Aragon in order to secure a male heir. This dispute led to the English Reformation, marking the separation of the Church of England from the Catholic Church.

## 3. The Six Wives

Henry VIII became famous for his six marriages, which ultimately shaped his reign and the course of English history. Their names were Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, and Catherine Parr.

## 4. Anne Boleyn and the Tower of London

Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, was accused of treason and imprisoned in the Tower of London. She was ultimately beheaded on charges of adultery and incest.

## 5. Legacy of Henry VIII

Despite his controversial reign, Henry VIII left behind a significant legacy. His acts included the establishment of the Church of England, the dissolution of monasteries, and the enhancement of the English Navy. Henry VIII also

expanded the English empire, making England a powerful presence on the world stage.

## **6. King Henry VIII and Music**

Surprisingly, Henry VIII was not only known for his political maneuvers but also for his musical talents. He was an accomplished composer and musician, able to play various instruments.

## **7. The King's Health Issues**

In his later years, Henry VIII faced numerous health problems. He became severely overweight and suffered from a leg ulcer, thought to be caused by a jousting accident.

## **8. The Iconic Tudor Portrait**

Henry VIII's image is widely recognized thanks to the iconic Tudor portrait featuring his larger-than-life stature and signature clothing style. This distinctive representation continues to intrigue historians and art enthusiasts alike.

## **9. His Final Resting Place**

After his death, Henry VIII was buried in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where his remains still rest today. This historic burial place serves as a reminder of the life and influence of this complex ruler.

## **10. Henry VIII: A Subject of Enduring Fascination**

Throughout history, Henry VIII has fascinated people of all ages, and his story continues to captivate young minds. His reign offers valuable lessons about power, politics, and the profound impact individuals can have on society.

Now that you've gained a glimpse into the intriguing world of Henry VIII, take this opportunity to delve deeper into the annals of history. Discover more about this legendary monarch and the remarkable events of his time.



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- Henry didn't expect to become King of England – the heir to the throne was his older brother, Arthur. But in 1501, when Henry was ten years old, Arthur died suddenly at the age of just 15. This meant that Henry would become King of England when his father died.
- In January 1536, Henry VIII was thrown from his horse in a riding accident. He hit his head on the ground, and his horse fell on top of him. The king was knocked unconscious and lay still on the ground for two hours. It was feared that he wouldn't survive.

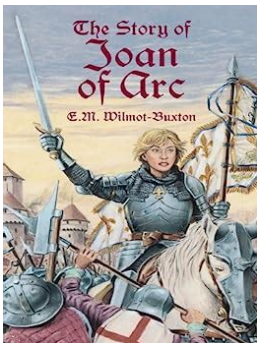
- Henry VIII is famous for having married six times. Many school children in Britain remember the fate of each wife by learning the following rhyme:  
“Divorced, Beheaded, Died: Divorced, Beheaded, Survived.”

These are just a few of our fascinating facts about Henry VIII - why not find out more?

We hope that the facts about Henry VIII in our book will fascinate you and encourage you to find out even more about one of England's greatest kings.

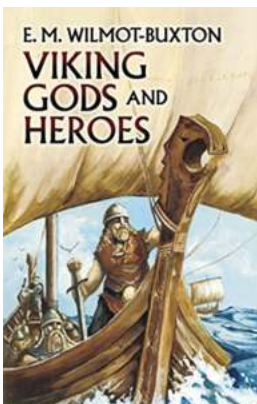
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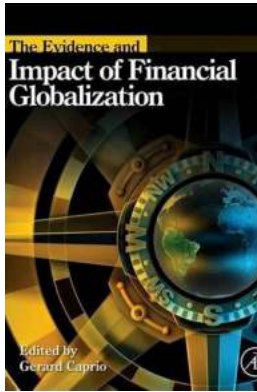
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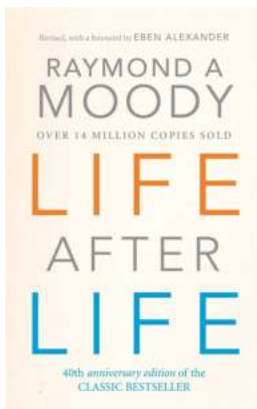
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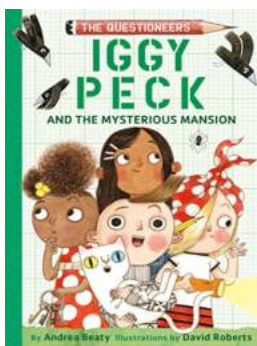
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