

Lealands History
Key Skills Booklet



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Task 1: What is History?

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Key Skill 1: Chronology

Chronology is

- a) 1 Year
- b) 10 Years
- c) 100 Years
- d) 1000 Years
- e) BCE
- f) CE

- 1) Before Common Era – Any year before the year 0.
- 2) Days, Weeks, Months
- 3) Millennium
- 4) Common Era – Any year after the year 0.
- 5) Century
- 6) Decade



Section 1: Definitions

Answer each question by circling the correct answer.

a) A primary source is:

- i. A source which is written by someone who was at an event.
- ii. A source written by someone who was alive at the time of the event, this can be recorded either during the event or after it.
- iii. A source written by someone after the event, who was not there.

b) Bias is:

- i. When someone is unfair.
- ii. An opinion expressed which is favourable or unfavourable, based on a person's opinion.
- iii. Something which is wrong.

c) An Anachronism is:

- i. Something which is wrong.
- ii. An event, person or object in the wrong time period.
- iii. A funny picture.

Place the following events in the correct chronological order.

30th May 1536 – Henry VIII marries Jane Seymour

1485 – Battle of Bosworth Field

Jan 1547 – Henry VIII dies

1509 – Henry VII dies

19th May 1536 – Henry VIII's wife Anne Boleyn is beheaded

c) A century is:

- I. A period of 10 years.
- II. A period of 100 years.
- III. A period of 100 years.

Section 2: Knowledge and Understanding

Read the two passages below and answer the questions which follow in full sentences.

Catherine of Aragon – 1st wife of Henry VIII

Catherine's marriage to Henry was due to strange circumstances! Catherine married Henry's older brother Arthur, who would of been king instead of Henry until his early death. Henry VII didn't want England to lose the alliance with Spain provided by the marriage so appealed to the Pope to allow Catherine to marry his younger son Henry! A famous prophecy at the time was that if you married your brother's wife the marriage would not produce any healthy sons.

Henry and Catherine married in 1509 and Catherine soon became pregnant. However Catherine and Henry had many heart aches. This first child was a stillborn daughter born prematurely, this disappointment was soon followed by another pregnancy. Prince Henry was in 1511. There were great celebrations for the birth of the young prince, but they were halted by the baby's death aged only 52 days. Catherine then had another miscarriage. In 1516, she gave birth to a daughter named Mary, and this child lived. There were probably two more pregnancies, both ending in miscarriage.

Henry had many mistresses and affairs during his marriage to Catherine, famous examples being with Mary Boleyn and Bessie Blount (Miss Blount provided him with an illegitimate son).

Henry was desperate for a son and heir, as king it was expected of him. Catherine's age made it very unlikely that she would have any more children. Henry fell in love with Anne Boleyn, a lady at court who worked for Catherine. Henry went through 6 years of legal battles with the church in order to divorce Catherine claiming to the world that their marriage was illegal because she was married to his brother first. Henry divorced Catherine in 1533, he banned Catherine from seeing their daughter Mary. Catherine died alone in 1536.

Anne Boleyn – 2nd wife of Henry VIII

Anne Boleyn married Henry in 1533 after he divorced Catherine of Aragon. Henry and Anne had fallen madly in love after famously sending each other love letters. Henry fell in love with her charm, wit and humour. There has been many wild stories about Anne Boleyn having extra fingers and large moles, stories which show how unpopular she has been portrayed.

Anne and Henry's relationship soon turned sour. There were rumours about her all around court, she was seen as too flirtatious. These rumours were made worse by Anne not providing Henry with the son he desired so much. Anne did give birth to a daughter, Elizabeth however she also gave birth to a still born son.

Their marriage became more and more strained. Anne was accused of committing adultery with Mark Smeaton, Sir Henry Norris and and George Boleyn (her brother). She was beheaded by a professional French swordsman in 1536.

