

King Henry VIII

Life

- Reign:(28 June 1491 – 28 January 1547) was King of England from 21 April 1509 until his death.
- Was 18 when he began his rule.
- Six marriages
- Obsessed with having a male heir
- Created the Church of England
- Became morbidly obese late in life and died



Marriages

- Catherine of Aragon (marriage annulled; died while detained under guard at Kimbolton Castle)
- Anne Boleyn (executed, beheading)
- Jane Seymour (died days after giving birth, widely believed to be following birth complications)
- Anne of Cleves (marriage annulled)
- Catherine Howard (executed, beheaded)
- Catherine Parr (widowed).

Executions

- Would bring in an expert swordsman.
- Anne Boleyn- A swordsman from France
- Preferred a long sword since it was clean. When an axe was sometimes used it would take multiple swings to get the head to come completely off.
- Executioner would then hold the head up to the audience to prove she was dead.
- Catherine Howard (5th wife)- Was executed by axe. It came off with one swing.

Death

- Waist became over 54 inches around
- Had to be moved about with the help of mechanical inventions.
- He was covered with painful, pus-filled boils and possibly suffered from gout.

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