

WORLD HISTORY notes

ENGLAND – Edward VI, Mary Tudor, Elizabeth I

- 1485-1603 **Tudor Dynasty** comes to power
- Henry VII [Lancasters] defeats Richard III at Battle of Bosworth to end **War of the Roses**
 - Lancasters [Red Rose] and Yorks [White Rose]
 - both families were direct descendents of king Edward III
 - strengthened economy – trade / avoiding wars

- 1509 **Henry VIII** becomes King of England
- **Act of Supremacy**
 - Henry acknowledged as political and religious leader of England
 - **Treason's Act**
 - illegal to deny Henry's control of Church / State
 - took Church lands
 - strengthened economy

****Parliament gained power because it had made laws to strengthen Henry**

- 1547 **Edward VI** becomes King of England
- Jane Seymour

- 1553 Edward disinherited his sisters and gave crown to **Lady Jane Grey**
- she was forced out after ruling for 9 days
 - people supported Mary's (Catherine of Aragon) "**rightful claim**" to rule

- 1553 **Mary Tudor** becomes Queen of England
- married Philip II of Spain
 - upset many English
 - Philip complained of a horrid stench from her nose
 - attempted to re-establish Catholicism
 - "**Bloody Mary**"
 - burned Protestants at the stake
 - today there is a bronze cross in the road at Broadstreet in Oxford

- 1554 **Wyatt's Rebellion**
- attempt to overthrow Mary Tudor
 - Elizabeth was accused and imprisoned, but found not guilty

- 1558 England lost **Calais** back to France
- last English possession in France

- 11.17.1558 Mary died
- she recognized Elizabeth as her heir
 - Elizabeth given "**Crown of Jewels**"
 - 4 years earlier, Elizabeth was being held in Tower waiting to be killed

ELIZABETH'S "ROLLER COASTER" TO THE THRONE

1536 Parliament declared Anne Boleyn's marriage to Henry "Null and void"

- nullified Elizabeth's claim to throne
- Elizabeth = BASTARD – and could not inherit the throne

1544 Parliament changed and confirmed Elizabeth's right to rule

1553 Parliament changed and denied Elizabeth's right to rule

Papacy and English Catholics pushing for **Mary Stuart (Catholic) of Scotland** to become queen of England

- If Elizabeth would renounce her Protestant beliefs and convert to Catholicism, the Church would clear her of her "bastardry" and recognize her right to rule
 - Elizabeth = **NO!!!!**
 - feared people's loyalty would be to the Pope / Rome and not England

1559 **Protestant landowners** were preparing to fight for Elizabeth's right to rule

- had received land from Henry VIII ("insurance policy")
- feared continued Catholic rule would result in loss of their land

****Catholic England preferred to have Elizabeth than WAR****

1.15.1559 **Elizabeth** becomes Queen of England

- "I may not be a Lion, but I am a Lion's cub, and I have a Lion's heart."
- **"Good Queen Bess"** – skilled at dealing with Parliament; Popular

PROBLEMS FOR ELIZABETH

1) Religion

- Dilemma - keep England Catholic or return to Protestantism???
- Elizabeth had seen the damage caused by religious wars
 - **Answer = combined both**
 - Prevent religious wars

PURITANS developed

- "Radical Protestants" who wanted to rid the Church of England of **ALL Catholic** rituals
- they were a minority in society, but would become a majority in **House of Commons**
 - would become a problem for future English kings

2) Mary Stuart

- Catholics still wanted a Catholic monarchy
 - Supported by the pope
- **Babington Plot**
 - Plot to overthrow Elizabeth
 - 1587 Mary was beheaded

3) Philip II of Spain

- 1588 – Philip sent the Armada against England
 1. England was supporting Dutch Protestants
 2. England was “pirating” Spanish ships for gold
 - **Sir Francis Drake** – “Sea Dogs”
 3. Elizabeth refused to marry Philip II
 4. Execution of Mary Stuart
 5. Stop spread of Protestantism

4) Money

- avoid wars
- join with other countries to keep “balance of powers”
- Increased exploration
 - **Sir Walter Raleigh**
 1. Roanoke Island
 - colony disappeared (Indians, disease, starvation, etc...?????)
- set up “**joint-stock**” companies
 - Investors
 - **British East India Company**

5) Marriage

- “**Virgin Queen**”
 - never married
 - feared she might lose power to her husband
 - feared she might tie England to a foreign country
- used “lure of marriage” as a political tool
 - led Philip II “on”

1603 Elizabeth died without an heir to throne

- **James I**
 - beginning of **Stuart** Dynasty
 - also **James VI of Scotland**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. brought England into its “Golden Age”
 - a. **William Shakespeare**
2. united England with Religious Settlement of 1559
3. expanded British Empire
 - a. exploration
 - b. trade
 - c. **British East India Company**
4. kept England out of expensive wars