

Henry VIII



Henry VIII is one of the most famous kings of England. He was born in London on June 28th 1491. At the age of 11 he became the Prince of Wales because his older brother died. Henry became the King of England after his father died on April 21st 1509. He was only 17 years old when he became the King of England.

In total, Henry VIII married six times. He married for love and to join with other powerful families in England and Europe. Henry VIII wanted a son to **rule** England after he died, but his first wife Catherine of Aragon did not have a son so they **divorced**. He married three more times before he had a son.

Henry was very handsome when he was younger. He was tall and had blue eyes and brown hair. He had a beard and always wore expensive clothes and jewelry. He was also very active when he was young, and he was very athletic. He could also speak 5 languages. He was fluent in French, Spanish, and Latin. Henry also learned to play many musical instruments and was a good singer.

When Henry was older he became obese and it is reported that he had a 54 inch waist when he was 50 years old. It is also said that many people were scared of him because he was very **aggressive** with people who didn't agree with him. Henry died on January 28th 1547. He was 55 years old when he died.



1. According to the article, when did Henry VIII become the King of England?
 - a) on April 21st 1509
 - b) on June 28th 1491
 - c) on June 28th 1419
 - d) on January 28th 1547

2. The word “rule” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) follow
 - b) control
 - c) measure
 - d) establish

3. The word “divorced” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) married
 - b) engaged
 - c) separated
 - d) combined

4. According to the article, how many languages could Henry VIII speak?
 - a) He could speak 5 languages
 - b) He could speak 3 languages
 - c) He could only speak English
 - d) He could speak French, Spanish, and Latin

5. The word “aggressive” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to:
 - a) eager
 - b) playful
 - c) violent
 - d) energetic

6. According to the article, how old was Henry VIII when he passed away?
 - a) he was 50 years old
 - b) he was 54 years old
 - c) he was 55 years old
 - d) he died on January 28th 1547

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (c)