



YEAR 5 TERM 4 Off With Her Head! Home Learning Ideas!



Nine-Men's Morris

Blind man's buff, blow-point, check-stones, dice, football, hide and seek, leap-frog, morell (nine-men's morris), mumble-the-peg, mumchance, nine holes, quoits, scourge-top, span-counter, spurn-point, tick-tack, trap-out, and truss. These were all mysterious-sounding games played by Tudor children. Wow! Other games involved using parts of the body alone: whistling, bird calls, popping noises, or tricks with the fingers. There were also lots of popular board games.

See what you can find out. You could learn to play some and teach your family and friends how to play too.



Good Reads

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Rave Reviews

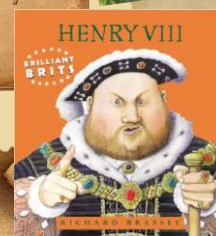
Choose one of the recommended reads and write a book review to tell us what you thought of it. You could give it a star rating and recommend it to friends that you think would enjoy it.

Happy reading!

Simply Gorgeous!

Wearing stylish clothes was very important to the wealthy in Tudor times. Clothes were a status symbol and the rich showed off their wealth by wearing clothes made from expensive materials and fabrics. Wigs were also popular with women, and when Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded, it is said that her wig fell off! Make-up was often worn to show off wealth and to conceal small-pox scars.

See what you can find out about Tudor fashion including headwear and underwear. You could find pictures and label them, make a presentation, or design your own Tudor-style outfits.



House of Tudor

Use a range of sources to research the House of Tudor and the five Tudor Monarchs, Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. Be a history detective and report your findings to your class. You could create a presentation, a compilation of pictures, a fact file or draw some portraits.



These activities are ideas for things for you to try at home by yourself or with an adult. You can do all of them, choose the ones that you find most interesting or invent your own.

Have fun!

Pigeon or Swan?

Tudor feasts were very lavish events but the poor ate far more modestly. Find out about what the Tudors ate and drank, the meats they ate, how they flavoured and sweetened their food and how explorers changed the way people ate in Tudor times. You could make a fact file, create menus for a banquet or try some cooking.





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Musicians and Madrigals



Music and dancing were important in Tudor times for both the rich and the poor. Several Tudor kings and queens were accomplished musicians. King Henry VIII was a skilled recorder player and wrote several songs, probably including 'Greensleeves' which he composed for Anne Boleyn.

Can you find out more about Tudor music and composers? You could learn a Tudor dance to teach your class.

Tudor Canterbury

Canterbury has a wealth of Tudor history. See what you can spot on a walking tour of the city and take some photos.



Kill or Cure?

Did you know that only 10% of Tudors lived beyond the age of forty? Maybe their doctors were part of the problem! Find out what the Tudors believed about illness and what some of their treatments and remedies were. Here are some:

Head lice: pour tobacco juice onto the scalp.

Rheumatism: wrap your body in the skin of a donkey and wear continuously until the pain eases.

See if you can find out about other treatments and write a list of remedies and prescriptions from Tudor times. You could invent some of your own and see if your friends can guess which are the real ones and which you've invented!



To Boldly Go...

Why did the Tudor explorers risk their lives to find and explore other countries? The excitement of travelling to new places? To find new and expensive goods like spices, silk and precious metals and become rich? Share your findings about amazing Tudor explorers.



Anyone For Tennis?

Why football was a dangerous game in Tudor times?

Henry VIII was a keen tennis player. What was tennis like during his reign?

Which sports and games were reserved for the rich nobility and which were played by the poor?

What sports would definitely be frowned on today?

See what you can find out about the fascinating world of Tudor games and sports and amaze your friends.



Scolds Beware!

What was the punishment in Tudor times for women accused of gossiping? What would happen if you stole a loaf of bread or a bird's egg? How many people were executed during the reign of Henry VIII? What was the punishment for vagrancy or being homeless? What were the stocks?

See if you can find the answers to these questions and more and make a quiz for your family and friends about harsh Tudor punishment.



Eggstraordinary!

With Easter fast approaching, why not decorate an egg as Henry VIII or another famous Tudor figure? Don't forget to hard boil or blow your egg first. You could create a Tudor backdrop out of your recycling too. You could also use potatoes to create figures.



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