

## The Tudors

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The Tudor age began on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1485. This was the date of the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_. It was the last of the Wars of the Roses-the battles for the crown of England between the great families of Lancaster and York. Richard III of York, the king at the time, was beaten by Henry \_\_\_\_\_, a Welshman from the House of Lancaster. In October, Henry was crowned as King Henry VII of England.

The Tudors ruled England and \_\_\_\_\_, and a part of Ireland. Scotland was ruled by the Stuart family. There were four main classes of people. By far the biggest was made up of labourers and \_\_\_\_\_ people. Most of them lived in the countryside. Above them were the yeomen, who often worked small \_\_\_\_\_. Next were the merchants and master craftsmen of the towns. At the top were \_\_\_\_\_ people and the nobles, who could have their own armies, and the leaders of the Church. Many of them spent their time at the monarch's court, and helped to govern the country in Parliament.

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