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Happiness is a mental or emotional state of well-being characterized by positive or pleasant emotions ranging from contentment to intense joy.

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28th June 1491 - Henry VIII was born.

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14th November 1501 - Henry's big brother Prince Arthur marries a Spanish Princess known as Catherine of Aragon.

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2nd April 1502 - Prince Arthur dies age 15.

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Papal dispensation is given so that Henry VIII can marry his late brother's wife Catherine of Aragon. The marriage takes place on 11th June 1509.

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April 21st 1509 - Henry VII dies. Henry VIII becomes King of England age 17.

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18th February 1516 - Catherine of Aragon gave birth to a daughter named Mary.

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4th March 1526 - Mary Boleyn gives birth to a son named Henry. Mary was Henry VIII's mistress and her son was widely believed to be the King's child and longed-for son.

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Henry falls madly in love with Anne Boleyn. Many believed that he was obsessed with the young woman and was desperate to make her his wife.

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Henry is desperate for a legitimate male heir to continue the Tudor line of succession. He has grown tired of Catherine of Aragon and her inability to give him a son. She did give birth to three sons, but not one survived.

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Henry believes his marriage to Catherine was wrong and he should never have been made to marry his late brother's wife. He believes God is unhappy with him. Henry annuls his marriage to Catherine in 1527.

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In 1529 Henry dismisses his chief advisor Chancellor Wolsey because he failed to convince the Pope to grant his divorce from Catherine of Aragon.

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1534 - Henry declares himself as Head of the Church of England. This is called the Act of Supremacy.

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3rd January 1533 - Henry marries Anne Boleyn.

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25th January 1533 - Henry is excommunicated by Pope Clement VII.

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31st May 1533 - Anne Boleyn is crowned Queen.

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7th September 1533 - Anne Boleyn gives birth to a daughter named Elizabeth.

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Divorce was against the rules of the Catholic Church. Henry had broken the rules.

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Henry loved playing tennis. He was an accomplished archer. He adored horse riding and jousting.

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1535 - Bishop John Fisher and Chancellor Thomas More are executed for refusing to acknowledge Henry as Head of the English Church.

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7th January 1536 - Catherine of Aragon dies.

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15th May 1536 - Anne Boleyn is tried for treason, adultery and incest at the Tower of London.

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19th May 1536 - Anne Boleyn is executed.

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30th May 1536 - Henry VIII marries Jane Seymour.

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12th October 1537 - Jane Seymour gives birth to a Prince called Edward. He is Henry VIII's only legitimate male heir.

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24th October 1537 - Jane Seymour died following complications of childbirth.

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6th January 1540 - Henry marries Anne of Cleves.

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9th July 1540 - Henry annuls his marriage to Anne of Cleves. He does not find her attractive and says she has a foul odor.

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28th July 1540 - Thomas Cromwell is executed for treason and heresy. Henry blames him for his marriage to Anne of Cleves. Cromwell was Henry's chief adviser.

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28th July 1540 - Henry VIII marries Katherine Howard. Katherine is 19 and Henry 49 years old. Henry adores Katherine and calls her his "rose without thorns."

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13th February - Katherine Howard is executed on the grounds of adultery.

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12th July 1543 - Henry VIII marries Catherine Parr.

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28th January 1547 - King Henry VIII dies age 57.

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1532 - Hans Holbein a German artist was appointed the King's painter. His paintings of the Tudor period have become iconic.

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A widely believed (but completely unproven) legend is that King Henry VIII composed the music, 'Green sleeves' for his lover and future queen consort Anne Boleyn.

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Many people said Anne Boleyn was a witch and had an extra finger.

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Henry gave permission for the bible to be translated into English in 1537. Despite a break with Rome, England did not fully embrace Protestantism until Edward VI ascended to the throne.

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1536 - the "Dissolution of the Monasteries" began. The wealth and riches of the Catholic Church in England were passed directly to the Crown.

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The Third Succession Act of Henry VIII's reign was passed in July 1543, and returned both Mary and Elizabeth to the line of the succession behind their half-brother Edward.

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The succession to the Crown Act 2013 ended succession to the crown of England based upon gender. This means that if a girl is the first-born child to a monarch she is the rightful heir to the crown.

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