

A journey through time from 1509 to 1745

This book covers the years 1509 to 1745: the time of the Tudors, the Stuarts... and the beginning of the Georgian period. Some of the world's most famous people lived at this time and some of history's most remembered events took place. This book highlights these memorable people and events as it takes you on a journey through this remarkable time. The period from 1509 to 1745 was one of great, and lasting, changes too, particularly in relation to religion and the power of Parliament. And many people's views of the world changed dramatically as explorers and traders discovered new routes to new lands, and new ideas and inventions changed the way people did things.

The timeline on these pages picks out some of these big events, well-known people, new ideas, changes and discoveries. Read it carefully!



The last Stuart, Queen Anne, dies, the throne passes to her nearest Protestant relation, who becomes George I; and so the Georgian era begins



1714

English Bill of Rights: all monarchs, who must be Protestant, to rule in partnership with Parliament



1707

Act of Union between England and Scotland; one Parliament in London runs both countries



1688

The Glorious Revolution: James II is replaced by King William and Queen Mary



1689

1666

Great Fire of London



1665

The Great Plague



1642

English Civil War begins



1607

First successful English settlement is set up in North America



1605

Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plotters try to blow up Parliament



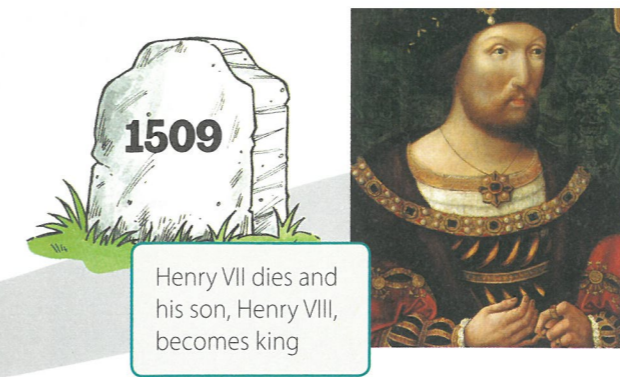
1603

James VI of Scotland becomes James I of England too and unites the two kingdoms



1485

Henry Tudor becomes the first Tudor king – Henry VII



1509

Henry VII dies and his son, Henry VIII, becomes king



1534

Henry VIII forms an independent Church of England



1558

Elizabeth I begins her 44-year reign



1600

English trading in India begins



1591

First performance of a play by William Shakespeare



1588

The English defeat the Spanish Armada



1562

England becomes involved in the African slave trade



1649

Charles I is executed



1649-1650

Cromwell's conquest of Ireland



1660

Restoration of the monarchy under Charles II



1649-1660

Parliament, followed by Oliver Cromwell, rules instead of a monarch

Work

- How do the Tudor, Stuart and Georgian periods of history get their names?
 - Have you studied any of these periods of history before? If so, make a list of the events and people you can remember. If not, look through the timeline and list the people and events you have heard of before.
- Finding out which year is in which century can be difficult. The easiest way is to cover up the last two numbers in the year and add one to the first two numbers. For example, 1562 is in the sixteenth century (cover up the 62 and add 1 to 15 to make 16!).

 - Which century are the following years in?

i 1649	iii 1665
ii 1707	iv 1558
 - Which century were each of the following events in?

i The Glorious Revolution
ii The Great Fire of London
iii First performance of a Shakespeare play
iv Death of Henry VII
v James I unites Scotland and England
 - Now put the five events above in the correct chronological order (the order in which they happened, from first to last).