



The Tudors

When was the Tudor Period?

The Tudor period lasted 118 years beginning in 1485 and ending in 1603.

How did the Tudor period start?

For 32 years England was gripped by a Civil War. Two branches of the same family; the House of York and the House of Lancaster fought battles called 'The War of the Roses.' Roses were used as a symbol by the supporters of the two families: -

Henry Tudor



The Lancaster Rose



The York Rose



King Richard III



The final battle was called 'The Battle of Bosworth.' In the battle, King Richard III of York was killed by the Lancastrian Henry Tudor. When Henry's supporters found the king's crown, they placed it on his head and declared him king.

To avoid any further battles Henry married Elizabeth of York which united the two families. He created a new symbol to celebrate the end of the fighting by combining the red and white roses; he called it the Tudor rose.

The Tudor Rose



Tudor Challenge:

- When did the Wars of the Roses start and end?
- What else can you find out about the Battle of Bosworth?
- Which country did Henry Tudor come from?
- Draw and colour your own Tudor rose in the box below.