

Monarchs of England

Wales and Ireland

1500's

HENRY VIII - 37 yrs. 282 days. Separated the Church of England from papal authority. Dissolved the monasteries, used the money to build the navy, 6 wives. One of the most charismatic English monarchs, his reign has been described as the "most important" in English history.

EDWARD VI - 6 yrs. 160 days. King from 9 to 15 yrs. sickly, possibly with TB of which he died.

LADY JANE GREY - 9 days. Queen at 16, deposed, tried for treason, beheaded 7 months later.

MARY I BLOODY MARY - 5 yrs. 122 days. Attempted to force England to revert to catholicism plunging the country into a blood bath.

ELIZABETH I - 44 yrs. 128 days. "Gloriana", "Good Queen Bess". Daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. A remarkable woman and popular monarch, a glorious period in English history, English drama, maritime adventurers, defeat of the Spanish Armada.