The Tudors

Learning Objective:
To find out who the Tudors were and when they lived.

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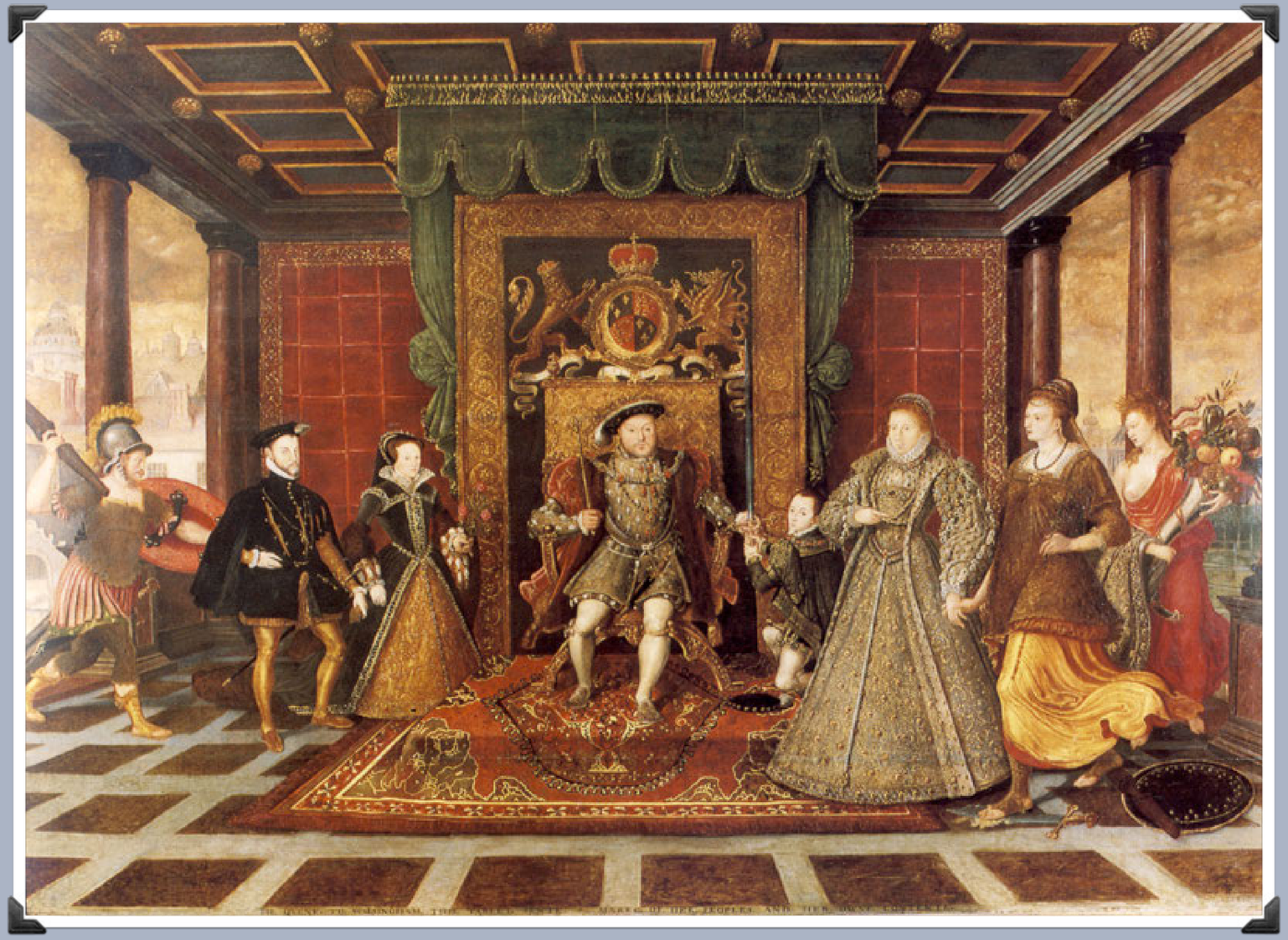

What do you already know about the Tudors?



Think, pair, share your ideas.

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Do you know who this person is?

How long ago do you think he lived?

What makes you think that?



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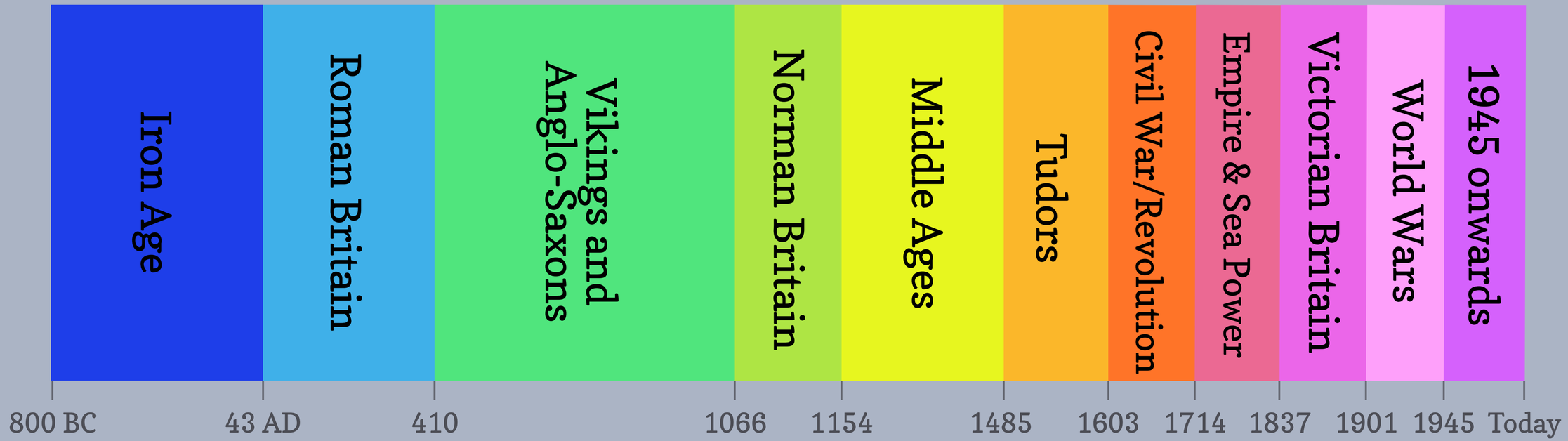
This man is Henry VIII. He was King of England from 1509 until 1547. He was the second of the Tudor kings and queens. The Tudor family ruled England from 1485 until 1603.

Can you find the Tudors on this timeline of British history?



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The Tudors became the royal family in 1485 when Henry Tudor (Henry VIII's father) defeated Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth. Henry Tudor then became King Henry VII.



The Battle of Bosworth in 1485

Henry VII was married to Elizabeth of York. Together they had four children: Arthur, Margaret, Henry and Mary. Prince Arthur died at the age of fifteen so when Henry VII died in 1509, Arthur's brother Henry became king.

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In those days, the crown was passed down from father to son. There had been very few queens who ruled the kingdom. However, Henry VIII only had one son who survived beyond infancy. When Henry VIII died in 1547, his son Edward VI was only nine years old. He died just six years later, leaving only Henry's two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. Mary became queen and then when she died, the crown went to Elizabeth, who became one of England's most famous and well-loved monarchs.



Queen Elizabeth I

Have a careful look at this diagram. Can you explain what it shows?




King Henry VII
1457-1509

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Elizabeth of York
1466-1503


Arthur Tudor
1486-1502


Margaret Tudor
1489-1541


King Henry VIII
1491-1547


Mary Tudor
1496-1553

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Catherine of Aragon
1485-1536


Anne Boleyn
1501-1536


Jane Seymour
1508-1537


Anne of Cleves
1515-1557


Catherine Howard
1520-1542


Catherine Parr
1512-1548


Queen Mary I
1516-1558


Queen Elizabeth I
1533-1603


King Edward VI
1537-1553

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This is the Tudor family tree. It shows who was married to whom and how many children they had.

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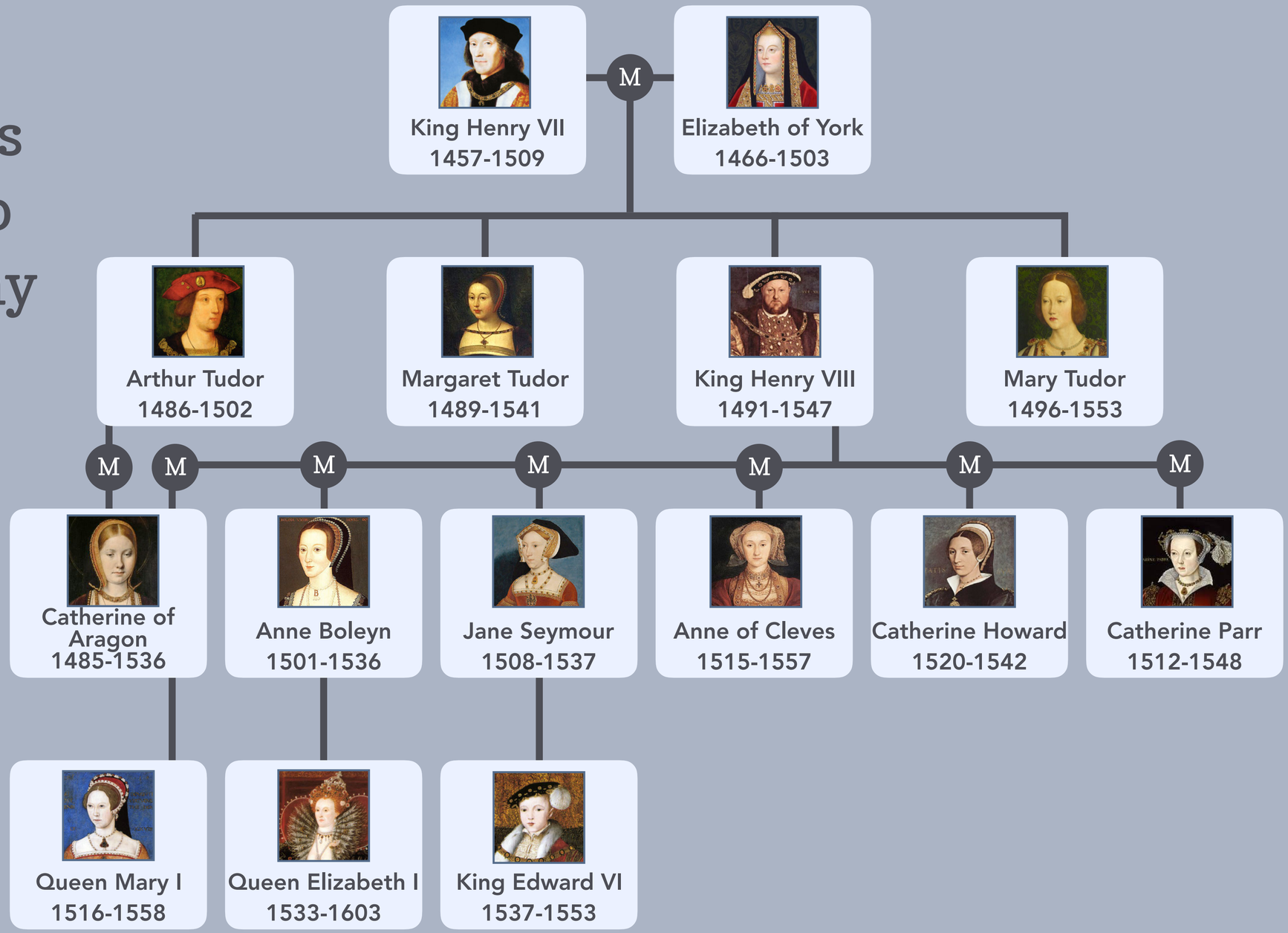
This symbol means ‘married to’. How many times was Henry VIII married?



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Henry VIII was married six times! He married Catherine of Aragon (who was his brother's wife) after Arthur Tudor died.



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The lines going down show the children that each couple had.

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Jane Seymour had one son, Edward

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What would your family tree look like?



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Plenary:

We've learnt a lot about the Tudors today! What else would you like to learn about the Tudors or the Tudor period?



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