Vocabulary

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| * Wars of the Roses | * Civil war | * Lancastrian | * Yorkist | * Tudor |

**How did Britain change between 1400 and 1600?**

Wars of the Roses

Happened between 1455 and 1487. They began with the Battle of St Albans and finished with the Battle of Stoke. They were a civil war named after the emblems of the two families. The red rose of York and white Rose of Lancaster. Both families were fighting for the throne of England. Tewkesbury was an important win for the Yorkists. Towton was the bloodiest battle and Bosworth began the reign of Henry Tudor.

The Church of England

Henry VIII was the founder of the Church of England as we know it today. He created this church to have his own rules as at the time divorce wasn’t allowed under the church. Having his own church allowed him to re-marry. In total he had six wives.

Henry V and VI

Henry V and VI were father and son. Henry V was one of England’s strongest kings, conquering part of France. He made a deal with the French king that his son (Henry VI) would become King of France and England. However, Henry VI became King when he was 9 months old. During his life he became mentally ill and was a weak king. His wife Margaret of Anjou did a lot of the ruling.

During the Wars of the Roses the crown of England changed 7 times in the space of 25 years between 1460 and 1485.