



England in the Renaissance

1485-1600

Renaissance=rebirth

- A renewed interest in ancient Greek and Latin texts
- Rise of humanism
 - Creativity
 - Curiosity
- Began in Italy
- Printing press became widely popular-made books available to everyone
- Exchange of ideas through common language (Latin)

King Henry VII 1485-1509

- House of Tudor
- Ruled from 1485-1509
- Had three children:
 - Arthur Tudor (heir apparent who died of sweating sickness in 1502)
 - Margaret Tudor (married King James IV of Scotland)
 - Henry Tudor (becomes heir to the throne after Arthur)
- Known for conservative economic principles and patience



King Henry VIII 1509-1547



- Notorious figure in Tudor history
- Known for starting the Anglican Church, official church of England
- Known for having six different wives:
 - Catherine of Aragon 1509-1533 (who gave birth to Mary)—Divorced
 - Anne Boleyn 1533-1536 (who gave birth to Elizabeth)—Beheaded
 - Jane Seymour 1536-1537 (who gave birth to Edward)—Died 12 days after Edward's birth
 - Anne of Cleves 1540—Divorced
 - Catherine Howard 1540-1542—Beheaded
 - Catherine Parr 1543-1547—Widowed
- Created the Royal Navy
- Was a great patron to arts and poetry
 - He played several instruments and wrote poetry of his own

King Edward VI 1547-1553

- 9 years old when he took the throne
- Very intelligent
- Very poor health
- Relatives and advisors were really the ones running England
- Died of tuberculosis



Queen Mary I 1553-1558



- Daughter of Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII
 - Makes her half Spanish and fully Catholic
- Nicknamed Bloody Mary
- Made two tactical errors:
 - Burned 300 Protestants at the stake at one time
 - Married Phillip II, King of Spain
- Died childless and of fever

Queen Elizabeth I 1558-1603

- Daughter of Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII
- Nicknamed the Virgin Queen
- One of the most brilliant and successful monarchs in England's history
- Executed her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots
- Defeated Spanish Armada
- Supported the arts

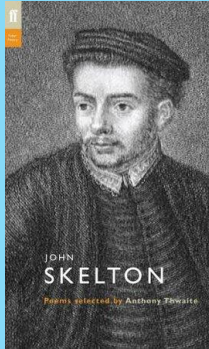


King James I 1603-1625

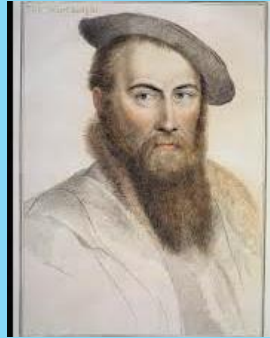


- Began as King James VI of Scotland
- Cousin of Elizabeth's
- A huge letdown after Elizabeth

Literary Greats



John Skelton
1460-1529



Sir Thomas
Wyatt 1503-
1542



Edmund
Spencer 1552-
1599



Thomas Kyd
1558-1594



Christopher
Marlowe
1564-1593



William
Shakespeare
1564-1616