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Henry VIII's Daughter Takes Her Mother's Side!

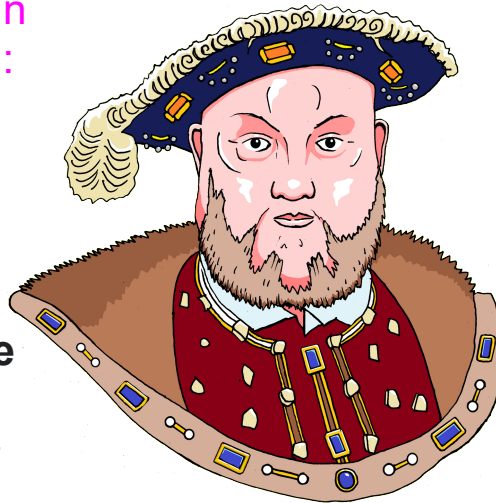
Would you believe, that in Tudor times this caused:

'The Act of Supremacy'

'The Irish Act of Supremacy'

'The repealing of the Act of Supremacy'

'The Second Act of Supremacy'.



It all happened because a daughter was unhappy because her dad left her mum!

The Acts of Supremacy

On the 3rd November 1534 the First Act of Supremacy was passed as law. It was meant to be the only one, but it wasn't. It was followed in 1537 when the Irish Act of Supremacy was passed by Ireland's Parliament.

That was meant to be the end of it. Again, it wasn't!

In 1554 it was repealed. So, in 1558 a Second Act of Supremacy was passed. As they say it was a right mess.

First Act of Supremacy 1534

The First Act of Supremacy was passed on 3 November 1534 by Parliament. It granted King Henry VIII of England and subsequent monarchs, Royal Supremacy, declaring him the Supreme Head of the Church of England. Royal Supremacy was authority of civil laws over religious laws, it was this act that started what is called

"The English Reformation".

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With the Act of Supremacy Henry discarded Rome and its influences completely. It really was a true Tudor Brexit.

The King had appointed himself and his successors the supreme rulers of the English church. Then in 1544 Parliament conferred upon Henry the title "Defender of the Faith".

The problem was that the act didn't last. When a daughter is on her mother's side in a divorce, and that daughter gets into a position of power, sparks fly!!!

They did when Henry VIII died, and his daughter, Mary, became Queen.



The Act of Supremacy is repealed in 1554

By this time the new Queen Mary had become a fanatical Catholic, intent on correcting all the religious turmoil her father had created. Especially as he had only done it so that he could leave her mother for some floosy who he got rid of within three years for another.

She intended to correct the situation and make England a Catholic Country again. So, in 1554 she repealed the Act of Supremacy.

There was a problem, you see the people quite liked not being ruled from Rome, which meant that she couldn't carry Parliament with her.

She then tried to return confiscated property back to the church.

Again, Parliament wouldn't let her.

The Heresy Laws led to the label "Bloody Mary"

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Then came Queen Elizabeth, who reversed everything!

On Queen Mary's death, her half-sister,
Elizabeth, became Queen.

With her first act of Parliament, she reversed it
all again by a new Act of Supremacy in 1558.
It declared her as the Supreme Governor of the
Church of England.

Then would you believe it, she then added an
Oath of Supremacy, requiring anyone taking
public or church office to swear allegiance to
the monarch as head of the Church and State.



Of course, you are right, you guessed it, anyone refusing to take the oath
could be charged with treason under the heresy laws.

Yes, she used the same law as her sister, Mary!

Finally, the Church of England was secure, well so they thought.

As you can guess, the moral of this story shows that there is nothing
worse than a woman wronged!

The History Portal have published a musical
that tells the story

Henry VIII

The Break With Rome,

which can be downloaded at

<https://www.history-portal.com/product/henry-viii/>.



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CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

COLOUR IN THESE BRITTISH MONARCHS.

Queen Mary



Queen Elizabeth I

Isn't history interesting? To learn more about this go to:

<https://englishhistory.net/tudor/act-of-supremacy/>

<https://annfosterwriter.com/2018/03/07/queen-mary-i-part-one-her-mothers-daughter/>

<https://tudorsdynasty.com/relationship-mary-elizabeth-tudor/>

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