

# The Six Wives of Henry VIII





- Henry's first wife was **Catherine of Aragon**.
- Catherine was the widow of his brother, Arthur.
- Catherine was Spanish.
- Henry and Catherine married in 1509.
- Catherine had lots of children, but only a daughter, Mary, (later Mary I), survived.
- Henry divorced Catherine after 24 years of marriage because she was too old to have his son.
- Catherine died in 1536.



- **Anne Boleyn** was Henry's second wife.
- Anne was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Catherine of Aragon.
- Anne was English.
- Henry and Anne married in 1533 after he had divorced Queen Catherine.
- Anne had a daughter called Elizabeth who later became Elizabeth I.
- Anne supposedly had a sixth finger on one hand.
- Anne was beheaded in 1536, having failed to produce a male heir, and after being accused of witch craft.



- Henry's third wife was called **Jane Seymour**.
- Jane was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne Boleyn.
- Jane was English.
- Henry and Jane married in 1535.
- Jane had a son called Edward who later became Edward VI.
- It is said that Jane was Henry's favourite wife because she gave him a son.
- Jane died in 1537, just 12 days after the birth of her son.



- **Anne of Cleves** was Henry's fourth wife.
- Hans Holbein painted a flattering portrait of Anne, which made Henry decide to marry her.
- Anne was German.
- Henry and Anne married in January 1540.
- Henry did not really want to marry Anne, and called her a "Flander's Mare".
- Henry and Anne were divorced within less than a year of marriage.
- Anne died in 1557.



- Henry's fifth wife was called **Katherine Howard**.
- Katherine was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne of Cleves.
- Katherine was English.
- Henry and Katherine married in July 1540.
- Katherine was the cousin of Anne Boleyn.
- Katherine did not stay faithful during her marriage, and a furious Henry found out.
- For this reason, Katherine was beheaded in 1542.



- Catherine Parr was Henry's sixth and last wife.
- Henry met Catherine at the English Court and wanted to marry her.
- Catherine was English.
- Henry and Catherine married in 1543.
- This marriage was her third, and she married Henry out of duty.
- When Henry died, Catherine married Thomas Seymour because she loved him.
- Catherine died in 1548, a week after giving birth to her new husband's child.