



The Tudors Introduction Teaching Ideas

Learning Objective: To understand how the War of the Roses led to the first Tudor king.

Success Criteria:

- To know what the War of the Roses was.
- To understand how Henry VII came to power, and held it.
- To analyse the reasons for Henry Tudor winning the Battle of Bosworth.

Context: This is the first lesson in scheme of work but can be used as a stand-alone lesson. This lesson outlines how Henry VII came to power, starting the Tudor line of monarchs. This lesson explains what the War of the Roses was and how Henry ended this. This lesson makes use of an [Activity Sheet](#), [Battle of Bosworth Card Sort](#) and [Keeping the Crown Information Sheet](#).

Starter

Odd One Out

Students should discuss which of the four displayed kings does not fit with the rest. There are many ways to answer this, not one answer, but this should lead to students thinking about kings of England. Students can record their choice and a reason on their [Activity Sheet](#).

Main Activities

The War of the Roses

These slides introduce the war. Students should complete the timeline of kings during this period by colouring them red for Lancaster and leaving them white for York on the [Activity Sheet](#).

The Battle of Bosworth

This slide asks students to complete a [Battle of Bosworth Card Sort](#) activity in pairs to find out how the battle was won by Henry Tudor, and lost by Richard III. There is a space on the [Activity Sheet](#) for students to explain how this battle was fought and won using information from the cards.

The Tudor Rose

This slide explains how the symbol of the Tudor Rose was developed when Henry VII married Elizabeth of York.

Keeping the Crown

This slide asks students to read through the [Keeping the Crown Information Sheet](#) and use the information in the boxes to describe five ways in which Henry VII kept his power as King.

Plenary

Summarise in a Sentence

Students should try to summarise the way in which the Tudors came to rule England in a sentence of no more than ten words.