

Catherine of Aragon



Catherine of Aragon (1485- 1536) was the daughter of Spanish King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella.

Having been engaged to Prince Arthur (Henry VIII's brother and an heir to the English throne) since childhood, Catherine went to England and married him in 1501.

Following Arthur's untimely death in 1502, she married Henry VIII. The marriage was permitted by the Catholic church because the marriage with Arthur was not consummated (*they hadn't lived like husband and wife*).

The English liked Catharine a lot but although she gave birth to six children — only one daughter survived, Mary Tudor — Catherine did not produce a male heir. Henry wanted to divorce her because he wanted a son and he fancied young Anne Boleyn.

Catherine refused to annul (**ponišiti*) her marriage so that Henry VIII could marry again, which led to the separation of the Church of England from the Catholic Church.

Henry kept her away from her only surviving child, Mary Tudor who became queen in 1553.

I You are the character, tell the story from the first person. The questions bellow will help you get into the character. You can only have a list of ten words/phrases to help you remember the story.

1. *Why did you agree to marry Henry after your first husband, his brother, died?*
2. *What was it like to be married to Henry?*
3. *What was your life like when he divorced you and you were sent away from your daughter?*

II Create a timeline *King Henry VIII's Life and Marriages*. The timeline should include important dates, events and decisions from king Henry's life. Read the rubric before you start designing the rubric.