

Henry VIII 1509-1547

Personality

A flamboyant monarch with a temper. Very fond of hunting, tennis, women, wine, and food. Not very fond of being told what to do.

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Skill at dealing with religious problems

Leadership

Popularity

Overall score:

Edward VI 1547-1553

Personality

Skill at dealing with religious problems

Leadership

Popularity

His reign was characterised by rebellion and discontent. Edward's religious reforms and his young age made him an unpopular monarch.

4

Overall score:

Mary I 1553-1558

Personality

Skill at dealing with religious problems

Leadership

The first of the English queens to rule in her own right. Mary lost some of her power when she married Philip of Spain, who was given the title 'King of England'.

7

Popularity

Overall score:

Elizabeth I 1558-1603

Personality

Skill at dealing with religious problems

Elizabeth wanted to avoid the problems of her siblings' reigns by choosing a 'middle way' in matters of religion; she attempted to please both Catholics and Protestants.

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Leadership

Popularity

Overall score:

Charles I 1625-1649

Personality

Skill at dealing with religious problems
Was a Protestant, but married a Catholic and had Catholic advisers. This annoyed Parliament and was part of the cause of the English Civil War.

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Leadership

Popularity

Overall score:

James I 1603-1625

Personality

Arrogant, unattractive and very fond of hunting. Often insulted his subjects. Liked learning and wrote several books.

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Skill at dealing with religious problems

Leadership

Popularity

Overall score: