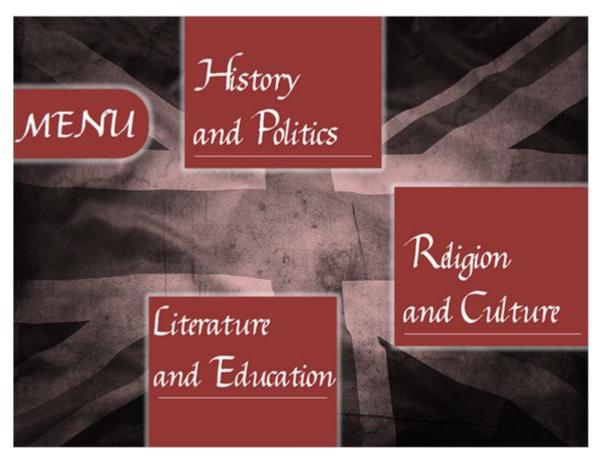
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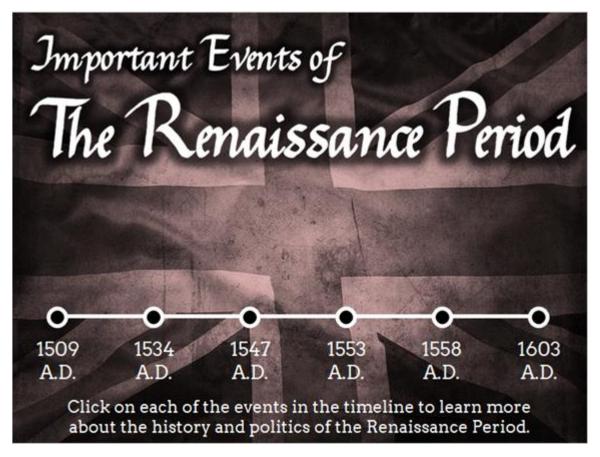
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The Renaissance Period was a time of artistic expansion and scientific advancement in Britain. Learn more about this time period by exploring its history and politics, religion and culture, and education and literature. Click on each of the menu items.



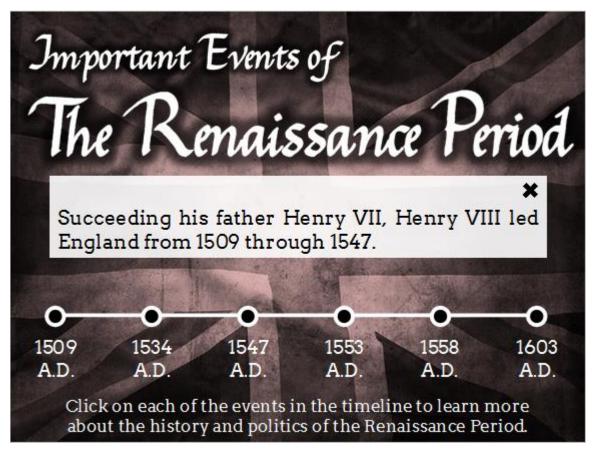
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Click on each of the events in the timeline to learn more about the history and politics of the Renaissance Period. Once you have viewed each of the events, click the home button to return to the main menu.



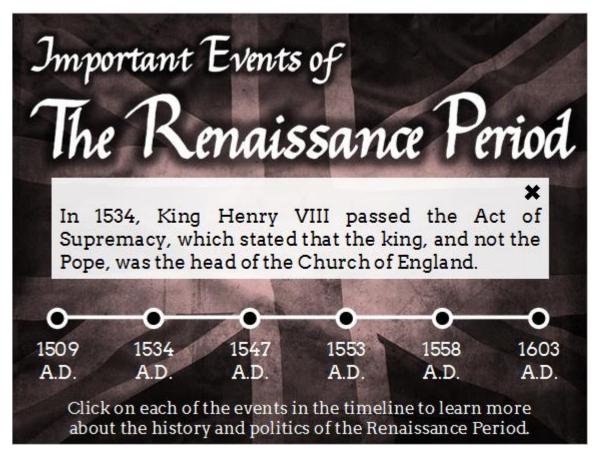
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Succeeding his father Henry VII, Henry VIII led England from 1509 through 1547.



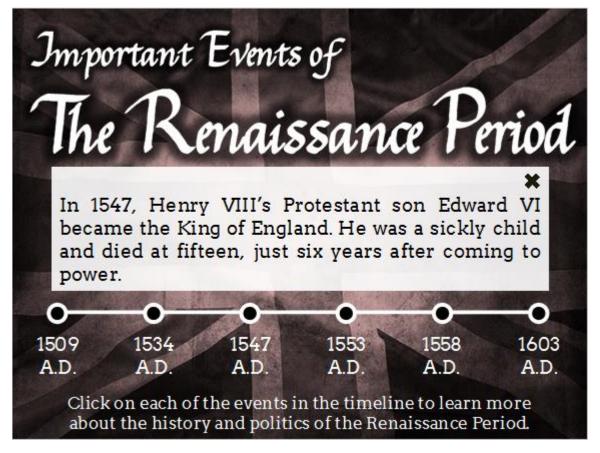
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In 1534, King Henry VIII passed the Act of Supremacy, which stated that the king, and not the Pope, was the head of the Church of England.



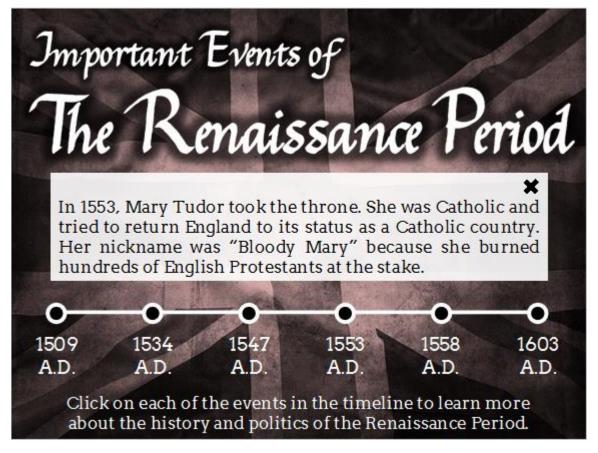
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In 1547, Henry VIII's Protestant son Edward VI became the King of England. He was a sickly child and died at fifteen, just six years after coming to power.



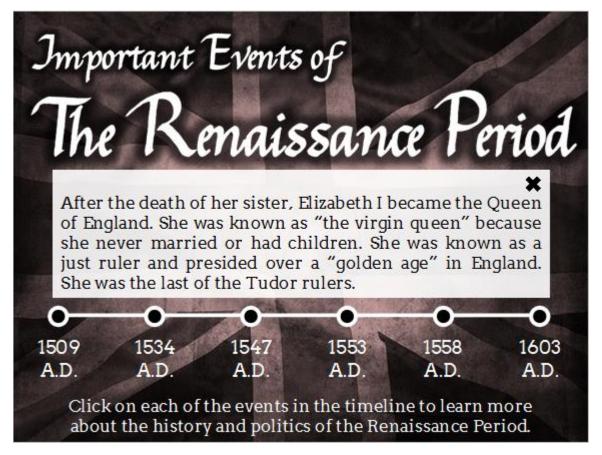
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In 1553, Mary Tudor took the throne. She was Catholic and tried to return England to its status as a Catholic country. Her nickname was "Bloody Mary" because she burned hundreds of English Protestants at the stake.



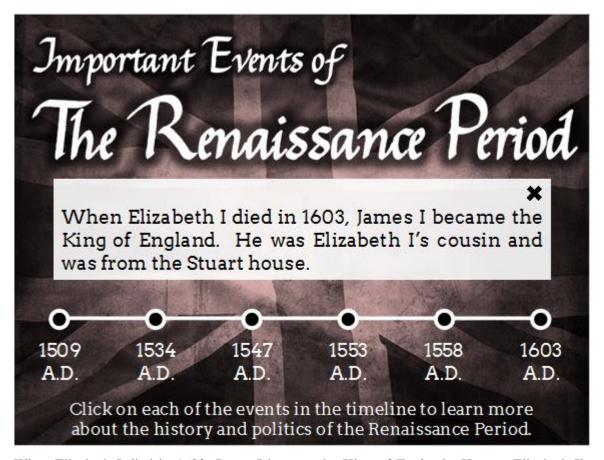
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After the death of her sister, Elizabeth I became the Queen of England. She was known as "the virgin queen" because she never married or had children. She was known as a just ruler and presided over a "golden age" in England. She was the last of the Tudor rulers.



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When Elizabeth I died in 1603, James I became the King of England. He was Elizabeth I's cousin and was from the Stuart house.



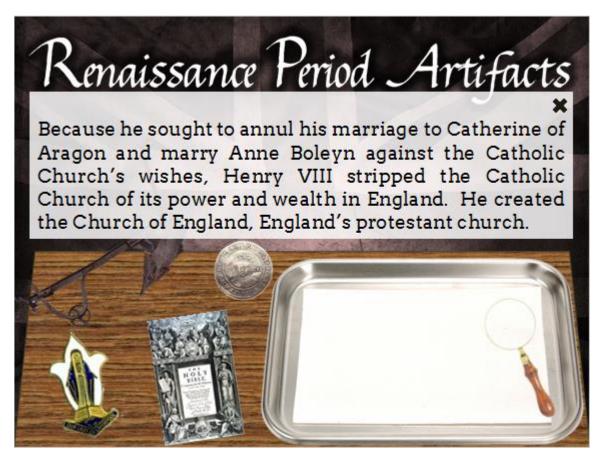
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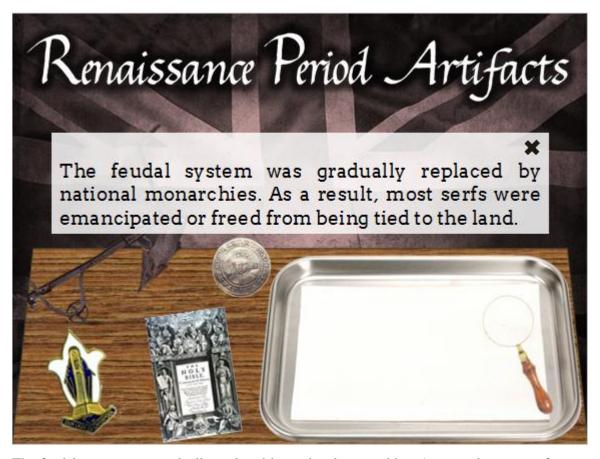
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Because he sought to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn against the Catholic Church's wishes, Henry VIII stripped the Catholic Church of its power and wealth in England. He created the Church of England, England's protestant church.



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The feudal system was gradually replaced by national monarchies. As a result, most serfs were emancipated or freed from being tied to the land.



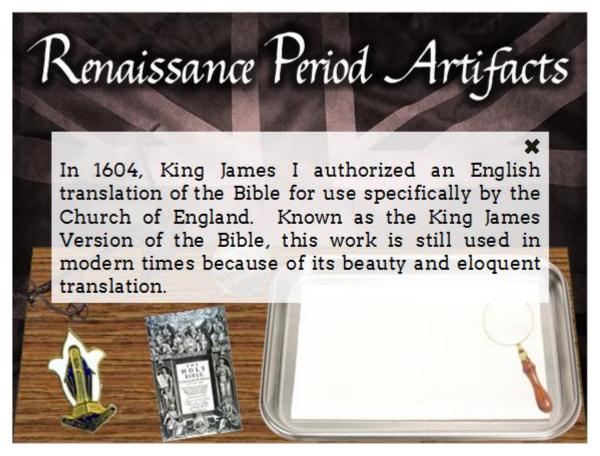
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A thriving commercial business and middle class evolved as merchants did not have to worry about producing their own food.



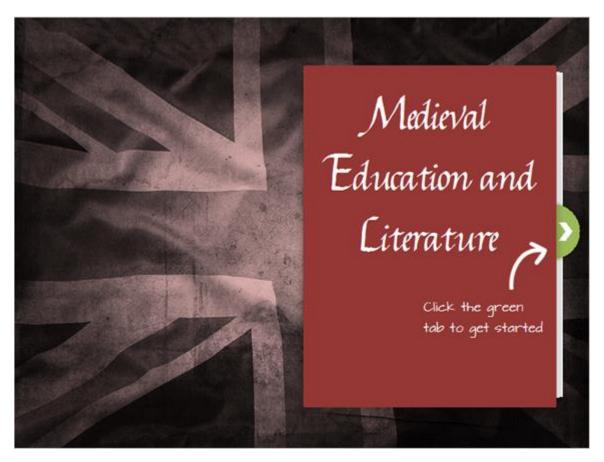
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In 1604, King James I authorized an English translation of the Bible for use specifically by the Church of England. Known as the King James Version of the Bible, this work is still used in modern times because of its beauty and eloquent translation.



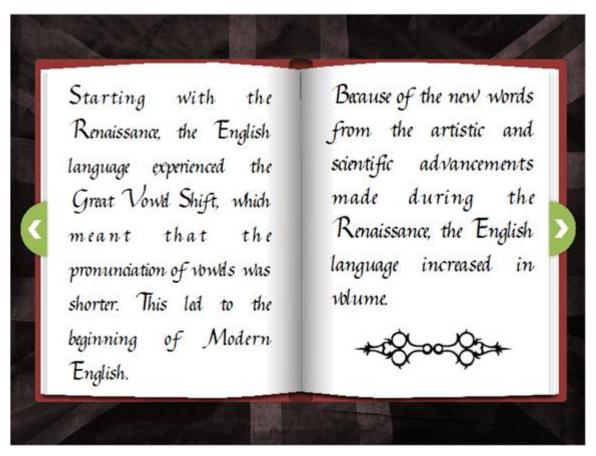
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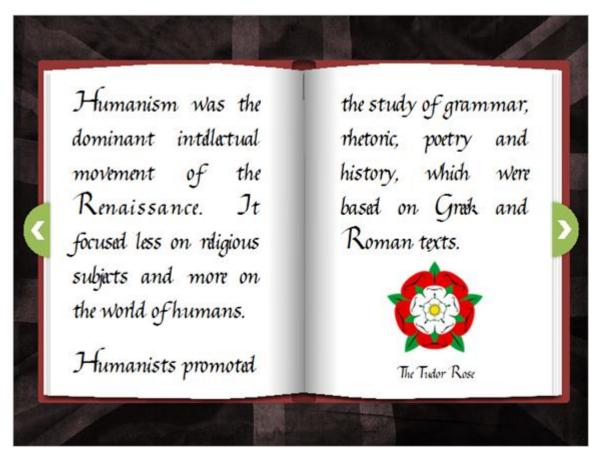
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Starting with the Renaissance, the English language experienced the "Great Vowel Shift," which meant that the pronunciation of vowels was shorter. This led to the beginning of Modern English. Because of the new words from the artistic and scientific advancements made during the Renaissance, the English language increased in volume.



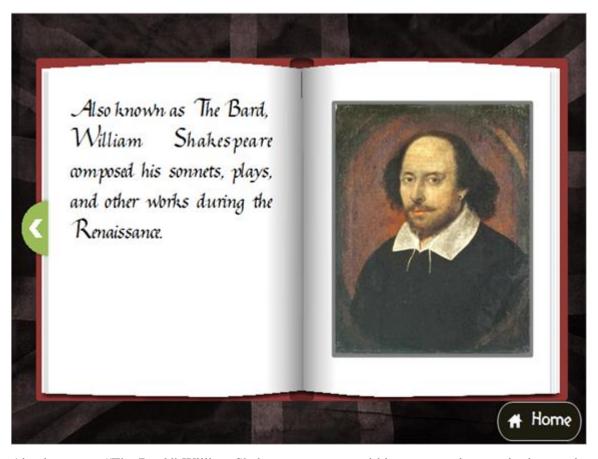
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Humanism was the dominant intellectual movement of the Renaissance. It focused less on religious subjects and more on the world of humans. Humanists promoted the study of grammar, rhetoric, poetry and history, which were based on Greek and Roman texts.



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Also known as "The Bard," William Shakespeare composed his sonnets, plays, and other works during the Renaissance.

