

Learn English history differently

with our *HENRY VIII* escape game!

The dates, the places, the historical and political issues, as well as the characters did exist, except John the servant. However, we invented their motivations and their alibis.

In 1532, the English kingdom is in danger that's why Henry VIII has been developing a national policy for defence against an upcoming invasion by powerful Catholic Kings like Francis I of France and Charles V of Spain.

Catherine of Aragon, Henry's first wife, has just discovered that the safe containing the defence plans have been stolen!

Oh my God! Henry! Henry!

Will you discover the thief and find the secret documents?

At the start of the game, you are given a list of suspects and their alibis.

To find who's lying, you'll have to solve enigmas and puzzles after reading each alibi!

Collaborate, strategize, use your logic and you'll save the kingdom!

Hurry up, it's about to be invaded! You have 45 minutes!

THE VICTIM

King Henry VIII is in a blind rage! Pope Clement VII has answered his annulment request!

Vostra maestà,

Io, il Santo Pontefice Clemente VII, rifiuto di annullare il matrimonio tra Enrico VIII e Caterina d'Aragona, anche se ella non ha dato eredi maschi. La dichiarazione di nullità del matrimonio non è approvata dalla Chiesa cattolica.

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What's more, someone has stolen his defence plans!

Henry put the documents in a safe, a week ago. He was the only one who had the key.

This morning he was in his apartments when the queen called him. She was in his cabinet. The safe had been broken and the plans stolen. Can you believe it?

Catherine of Aragon is the King's wife and she's jealous of Henry VIII's mistress.

HER ALIBI:

Catherine of Aragon said:

I Woke up early but I stayed in my apartments until eight o'clock, because I didn't want to come across this stupid Ann Boleyn! I saw her with the King yesterday when she was supposed to be in Kent.

Well, I went to the king's apartments to see if he was alone. That's when I saw the cabinet door was open. The King's safe had been broken.

I immediately called his name and when he joined me he was mad with rage. He started to scream. I was petrified!

ENIGMA number one

Among the six portraits, find the name and the picture of Henry VIII's mistress in 1532.

She's very young and attractive. She wants to be powerful and respected. She's wearing a necklace and she's not smiling.

Thomas More is the King's best friend and his most important and trusted adviser.

HIS ALIBI:

Thomas More said:

I was going to the king's apartments when I saw John the servant getting out of the King's cabinet with something in his hands. I also noticed that the safe was broken and I heard a scream.

ENIGMA 2:

Look for Thomas More's special box and search it. You will find the official list of servants and a piece of paper. Keep it for yourselves!

John is the king's favourite servant. He's a great observer but he's silent as a grave.

His ALIBI:

John said:

At seven in the morning, I was in the king's cabinet, cleaning it with the help of another servant.

When I left the room, I'm sure the safe was not broken.

I went across Thomas More. He was about to enter the king's apartments. I also saw Ann Boleyn coming down the corridor.

ENIGMA 3:

Search John's cleaning equipment. You will find a locked box and a piece of paper with another list of servants.

Guess the name of the servant who was with John.

Thomas Cromwell, a loyal and quick-witted man, has been appointed Master of the Jewels by Henry VIII.

HIS ALIBI:

Thomas Cromwell said:

I was in the King's cabinet very early in the morning. I was working with him. When we left the room, I saw two servants with buckets and rags in their hands, not far from the cabinet.

Then I had breakfast with the king but the queen did not join us, neither did Ann Boleyn.

ENIGMA 4:

Find Thomas Cromwell's jewelry box. Search it. You will have to solve an enigma to open the locked case you have found in John's cleaning equipment.

You will also find a part of the text.

Hans Holbein the Younger was one of the most accomplished portraitists of the 16th century. He spent two periods of his life in England, portraying the nobility of the Tudor court.

Henry VIII commissioned the artist Hans Holbein the Younger to create a huge mural of the royal family for the Palace of Whitehall in London.

HIS ALIBI:

Hans Holbein the Younger said:

Seine Hoheit, König Heinrich der VIII, hat mir den Auftrag für ein riesiges Wandgemälde der königlichen Familie erteilt. Es wird den Whitehall-Palast in London schmücken. Ich muss eine Skizze von Heinrich dem VIII anfertigen.

Wo ist er ? Gestern habe ich ihn schon den ganzen Morgen über erwartet. Er war außer sich vor Wut. Er schrie, man habe ihm seine Verteidigungspläne gestohlen. Er stand vor seinem Arbeitszimmer mit seiner Gemahlin.

ENIGMA 5:

Take a look at Holbein's painting equipment. You will find a piece of paper. Make a puzzle with all the pieces of paper you've collected. Holbein's alibi is written in French!

ENIGMA 6: The spy's name hunt

Read the text you have just found. Follow the instructions below and you will find the spy's name.

Line 1, word 2, letter 1

Line 3 word 8, letter 2

Line 5 word 7, letter 4

Line 4 word 7, letter 1

Line 7 word 6, letter 6

Line 6 word 7, letter 3

LAST ENIGMA: Break the code!

Find the place where Henry VIII put the letter from the pope.

The letters below are part of a word written in the text. Find it!

M = 4

A = 5

T = 2

R = 3

I = 8

O = 7

N = 1

To break the code, don't use the letters that are repeated!

Read the introduction again. The code is mentioned in it!

It will open the box where the defence plans have been hidden!

You will also find the name of the king who manipulated Michel!

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Who translated Holbein's letter into French?

- 1 Sa majesté le roi Henry VIII m'a passé
- 2 commande d'une immense peinture murale représentant la
- 3 famille royale. Elle ornera le palais de Whitehall à Londres.
- 4 J'ai besoin de faire le croquis d'Henry VIII ! Où est-il ?
- 5 Je l'ai attendu toute la matinée hier. Il était fou de rage.
- 6 Il criait qu'on lui avait volé ses plans de défense. Il était
- 7 devant son cabinet avec son épouse.

LIST OF SUSPECTS

Catherine of Aragon

Thomas Cromwell

Thomas More

Two servants

Holbein the Younger

LIST OF ALL THE SERVANTS

John BROWN

Peter CHILTON

Jack POTTER

Michel MILLER

Oliver GREY

Geraint JOHNSON

David WALKER

Ronald FORD

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