

'The story of how Henry survived against the odds and won his throne ... against even greater odds, is one of the world's great adventures'

Henry VII Biography, David Starkey



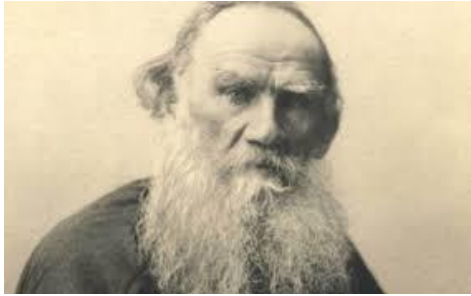
This reading pack contains 2 texts.

Complete all 4 tasks

1. Read pages 96-99 (from 'A Short History of England', Simon Jenkins) use the information to annotate the family tree with details that help explain how Henry VII was able to have a claim to the throne.
2. Answer the following questions:
3. What reason is given for the succession moving to Henry Tudor? ('Succession' is the identification of the next in line to the throne.)
 - a) Explain Henry's claim to the throne in your own words.
 - b) How and why was the Battle of Bosworth decisive for Henry Tudor's attempt to become King (Henry VII)?
4. Read the rest of the chapter and the *History Today* article (Henry VII: Miracle King). Try to build a profile of Henry VII and his early life. What kind of man / king was he?
5. What steps did Henry VII take to secure his position on the throne once he had been crowned king?

'From Card-player to Saint: Russia's Lost Opportunity'

Andrew Marr "A History of the World"



- 1) What was life like for a typical aristocrat living in 1853?
- 2) What did the new Tsar Alexander II decide to do? What were the potential problems with this?
- 3) What did serfdom mean? What powers did landowners have over the serfs?
- 4) What was the difference between Russian serfdom and serfdom in other Western European societies?
- 5) What was the motto of the Tsars?
- 6) Draw a flow diagram showing the Russian autocratic system with the Tsars at the top (see middle of page 411)
- 7) What happened in December 1825?
- 8) How did Tolstoy treat his serfs?
- 9) What happened in March 1861?
- 10) Why were the peasants unhappy in 1861? How did they demonstrate their unhappiness?