



5 Kings Who Shaped the Monarchy

Henry VII

- Born 1457
- King of England from 1485 to his death in 1509.
- Became King by defeating Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth.
- Succeeded by his son, Henry VIII.



Highlights by Year

1457	Henry Tudor was born to Margaret Beaufort and Edmund Tudor (deceased) at Pembroke Castle.
1458	Margaret Beaufort married Henry Stafford.
1461	Edward Duke of York took the throne as Edward IV. Jasper Tudor went into exile.
1462	Henry Tudor was made a ward of William Herbert, a Yorkist supporter.
1469	William Herbert was killed.
1470	Henry VI was restored to the throne after forces of Edward IV were defeated. Jasper Tudor returned and took Henry Tudor to court.

1471	<p>Edward IV restored to the throne.</p> <p>Jasper Tudor took Henry into exile for safety; they were given protection by Francis II, Duke of Brittany.</p>
1472	Margaret Tudor married Thomas Stanley.
1476	Henry escaped just as he was about to be turned over to Edward IV's representatives.
1483	<p>Edward IV died. His son Edward succeeded as Edward V. Before he could be crowned, he was replaced by Richard Duke of Gloucester (Edward IV's brother) who was crowned as Richard III.</p> <p>Margaret Beaufort began plotting with Elizabeth Woodville (who was in sanctuary) about Henry Tudor and Elizabeth of York taking the throne.</p> <p>In December, Henry Tudor promised to marry Elizabeth of York and began signing correspondence "Henry R."</p>
1484	Titulus Regius declared Richard to be lawful king and made all Edward IV's children legally illegitimate.
1485	<p>Henry left France with army of French mercenaries and discontented English nobles. He landed at Milford Haven and marched into England.</p> <p>22 August: Battle of Bosworth. Henry defeated Richard III's forces. Richard III was killed.</p> <p>Henry was crowned King Henry VII of England 30 October.</p> <p>In November, Henry VII's first Parliament repudiated Titulus Regius and made Elizabeth of York legitimate.</p>
1486	<p>Henry VII married Elizabeth of York 18 January.</p> <p>Prince Arthur was born 20 September in Winchester.</p>
1487	<p>Lambert Simnel made a claim to the throne.</p> <p>Elizabeth of York was crowned Queen Consort in November.</p>
1489	<p>Henry VII issued new golden sovereign with himself wearing a crown.</p> <p>Princess Margaret was born in November. Prince Arthur was made Prince of Wales.</p>
1491	<p>Prince Henry was born in June. That October, he was made a Knight of the Bath..</p> <p>In November, Perkin Warbeck claimed the throne.</p>

1493	Henry VII enacted treaties to combat foreign support for Perkin Warbeck. He also created Prince Henry Earl Marshall of England (two years old).
1494	Prince Henry was made Duke of York, countering the claim of Perkin Warbeck to be Duke of York.
1496	Princess Mary was born in March. James IV of Scotland supported Perkin Warbeck with an army, but the northern counties of England fought against them, and James returned to Scotland.
1497	John Cabot left England to discover new lands. Cornish rebels began March to London; they were captured at Battle of Deptford Bridge. Cabot found new land and named it New-Found-Land. James IV expelled Perkin Warbeck from Scotland. Warbeck went to Ireland. Prince Arthur and Katherine of Aragon were formally betrothed. Perkin Warbeck landed in Cornwall, was captured, and was imprisoned in Tower of London.
1499	Arthur and Katherine married by proxy. Warbeck and the Earl of Warwick accused of attempting to overthrow Henry VII and executed.
1501	Katherine of Aragon arrived in England. Prince Arthur and Princess Katherine were married 14 November.
1502	Arthur and Katherine went to Ludlow in January. That same month, England and Scotland made a Treaty of Perpetual Peace. Prince Arthur died 2 April. Katherine returned to London. Prince Henry became Duke of Cornwall. In June, the Spanish ambassador suggested Katherine marry Prince Henry.
1503	Work began on the construction of Henry VII's chapel at Westminster Abbey. In February, Elizabeth of York died and was buried. Prince Henry was betrothed to Katherine of Aragon. Princess Margaret went north and married James IV of Scotland in August.

1505	Henry VII became angry with Ferdinand about Joan of Naples and Katherine of Aragon's dowry and ordered Prince Henry to repudiate the betrothal to Katherine.
1506	Henry VII and Philip of Burgundy conclude peace treaty. In April, Henry VII stated he would not discuss a possible marriage between Prince Henry and Katherine until her dowry was paid. Katherine begged her father for financial support.
1507	Ferdinand made Katherine the Spanish ambassador. This helped her situation, but Henry and Ferdinand continued to argue about her dowry.
1508	Henry VII reopened negotiations for Prince Henry to marry Eleanor of Austria. Ferdinand demanded Henry VII agree to the marriage or send Katherine back home. Furious, Henry VII broke off Katherine's allowance.
1509	Katherine begs her father to recall her. 21 April, with his son at his side, Henry VII died at Richmond Palace.