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Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets.

Cover the playing card pages with 'clear pvc self adhesive film'. Then cut them out to make the Role Cards.

HOW TO PLAY:

The activity is divided into eight sets of four Role Cards with the same colour border. Students take or are given a card each. They read the information on the card two or three times. Students do not have to remember the card word for word, but need to have a good idea about the information on it. They may also know other facts about the wives of Henry VIII. Each student finds someone else in the room with a card that has the same colour border as them. They then put the card out of sight and pretend to be the wife on their card. They introduce themselves to their new partner: eg. "*Hello! My name is Katherine. I was born in 1512...*" The partner then does the same to the first student.

If either student gets stuck they can take out their card and look at it. The students carefully listen to each other. Next they find another two students with the same colour card as them. Now they are a group of four and have to introduce their partner to the others: eg. "*Hello! Can I introduce you to my new friend. She was Henry's first wife.*"

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use PENpal to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

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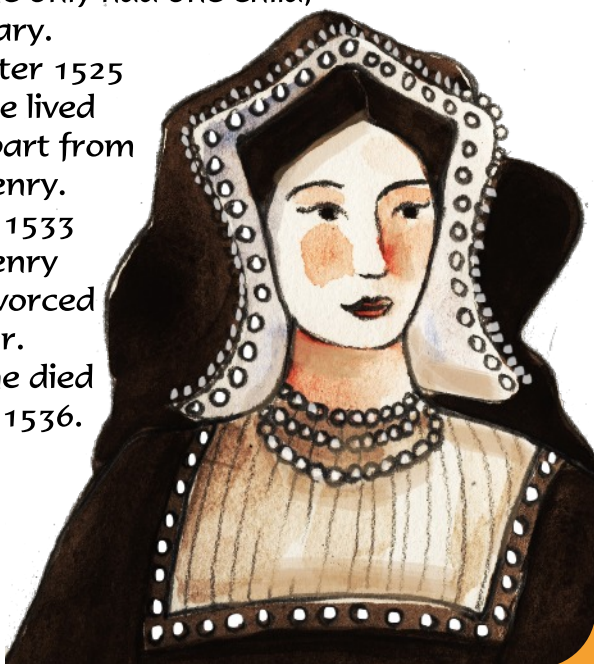
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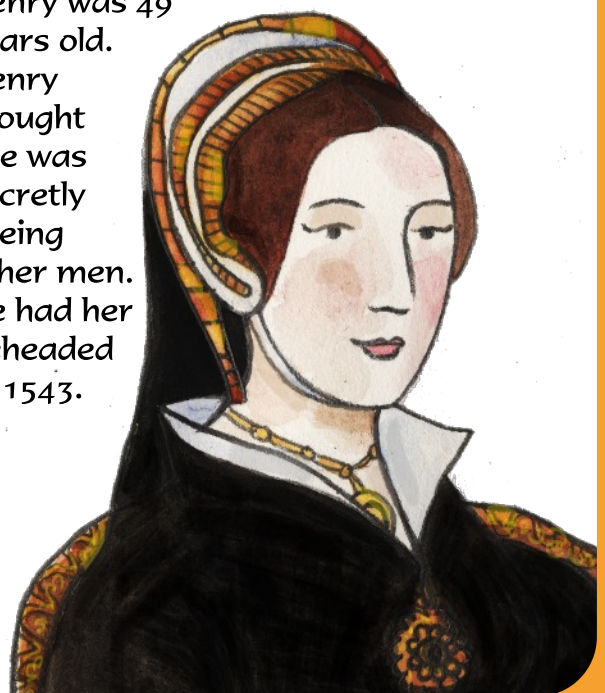
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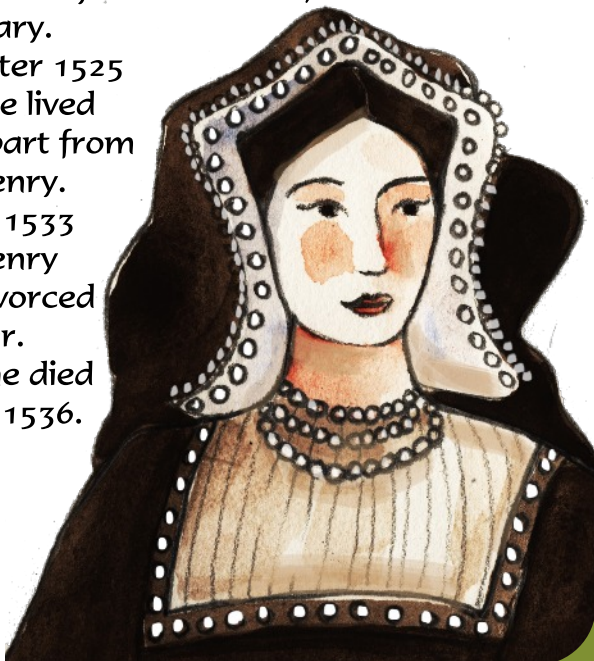
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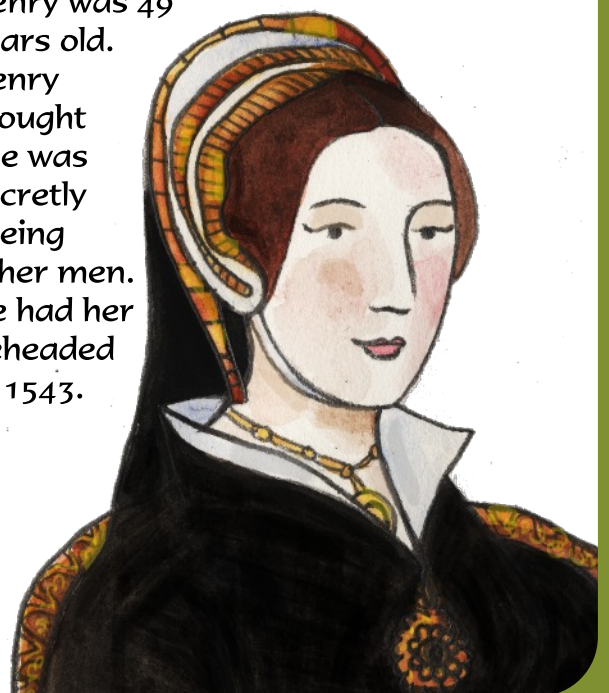
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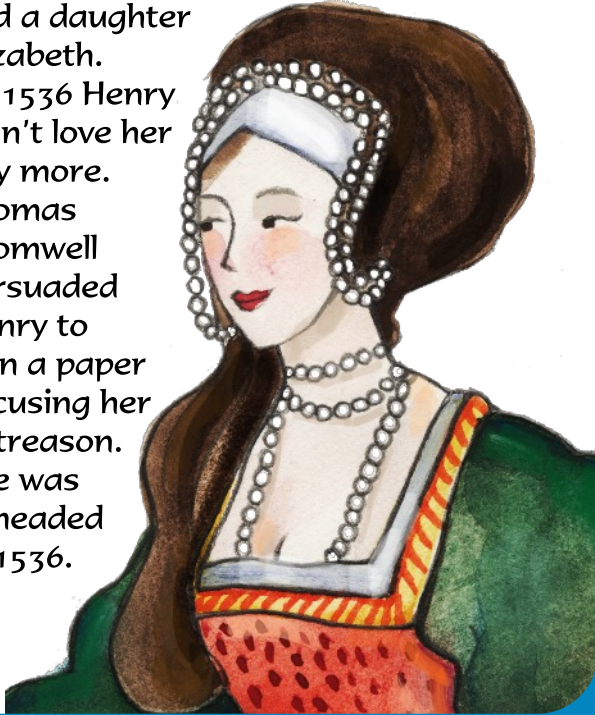


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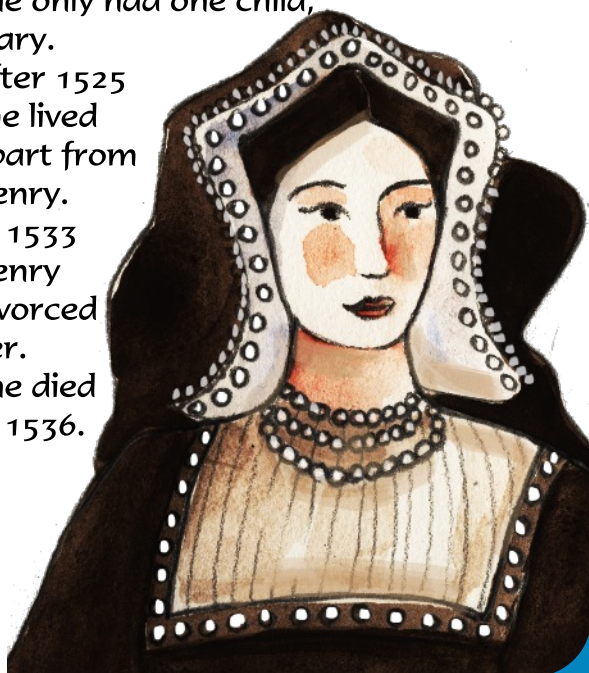


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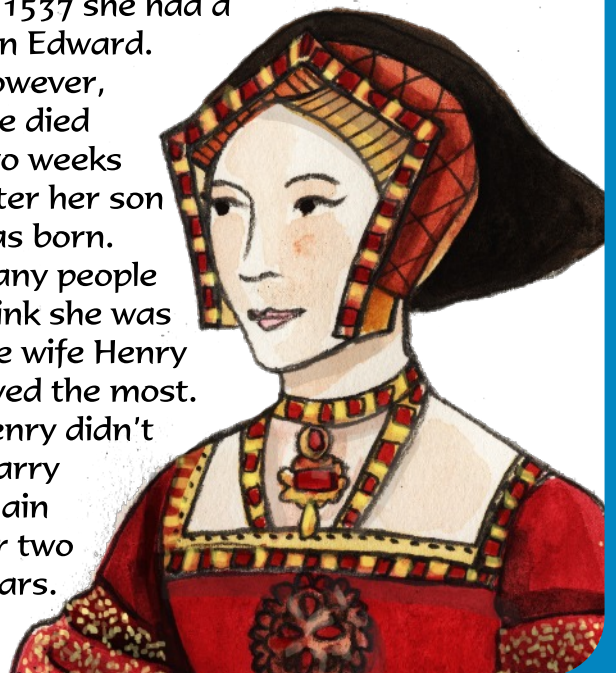


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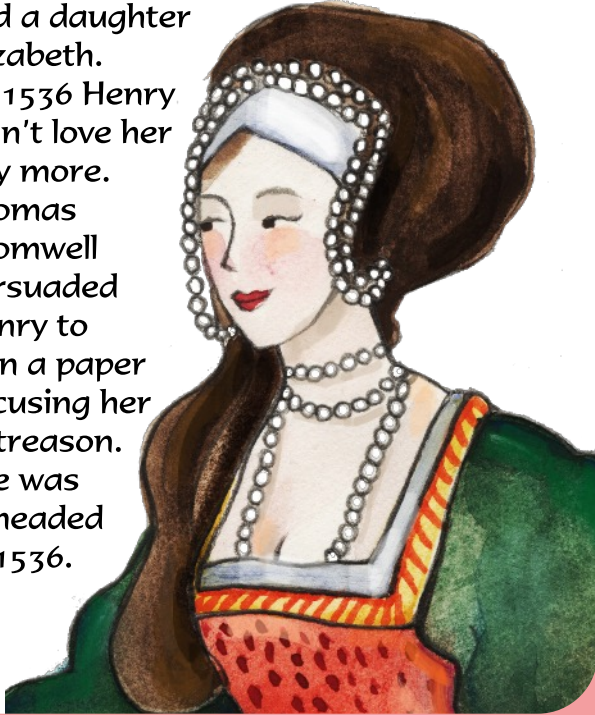


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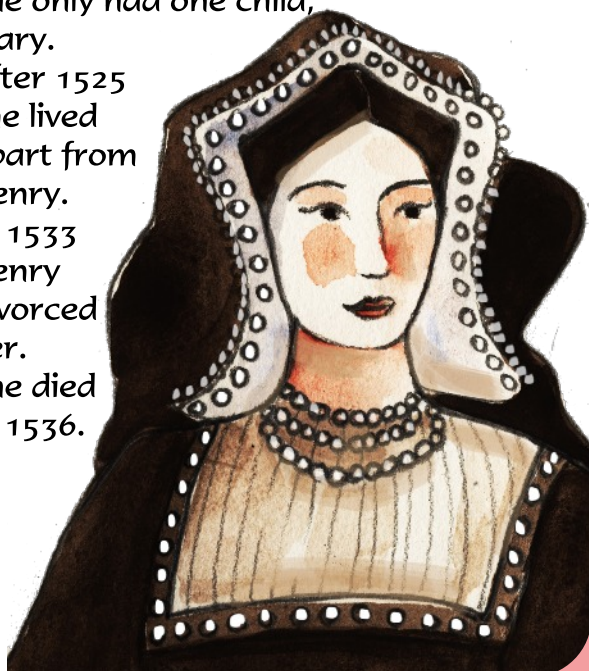


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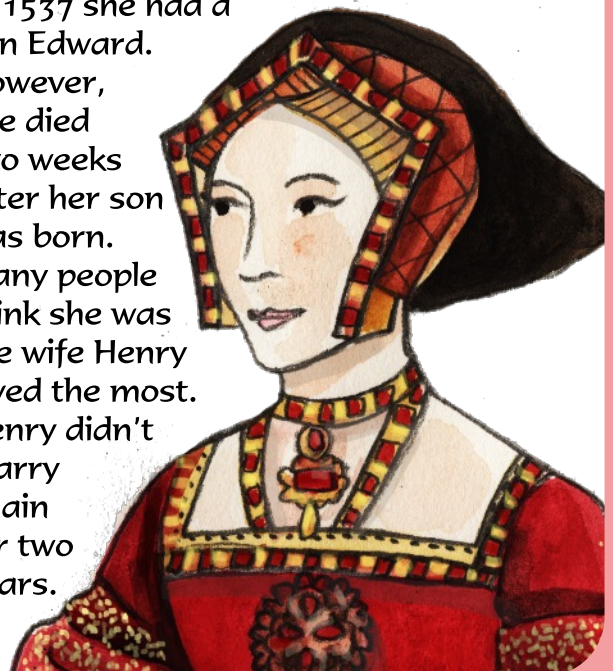


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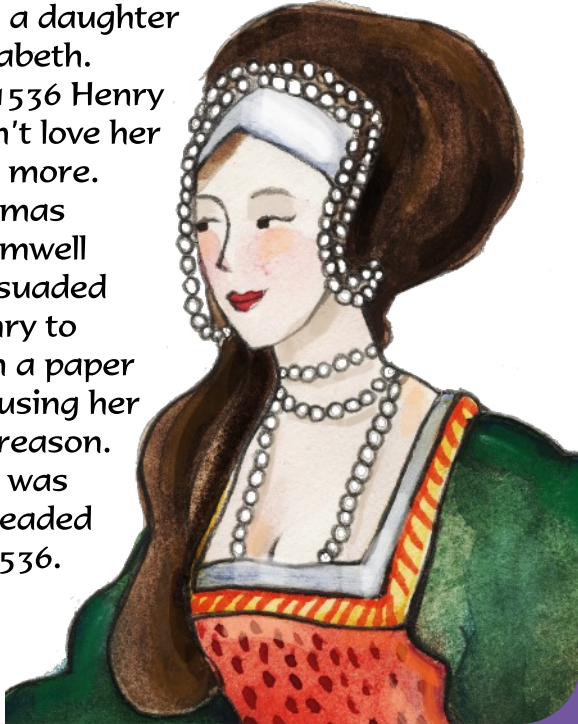


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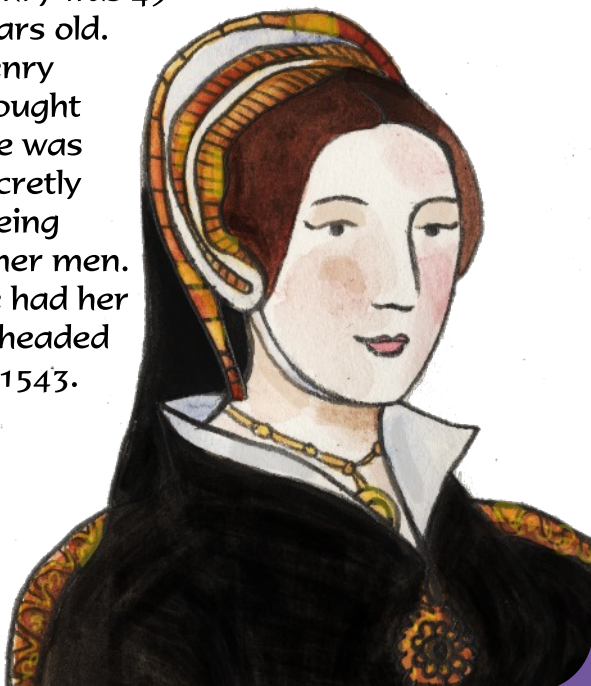


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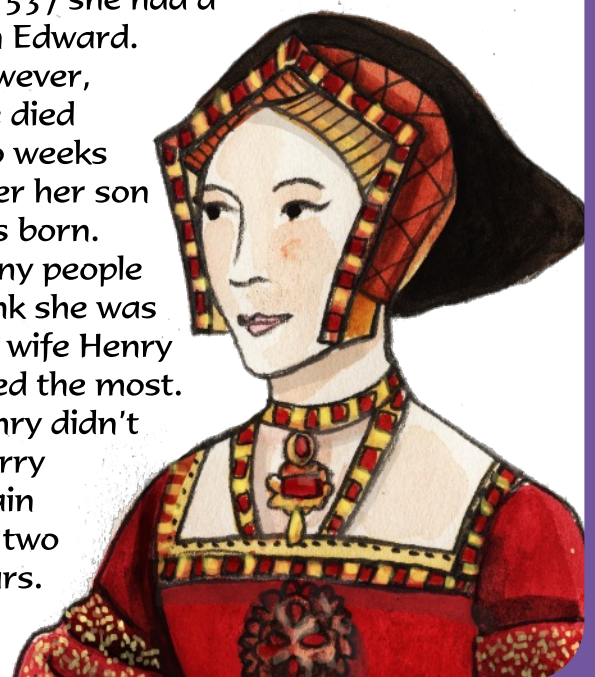
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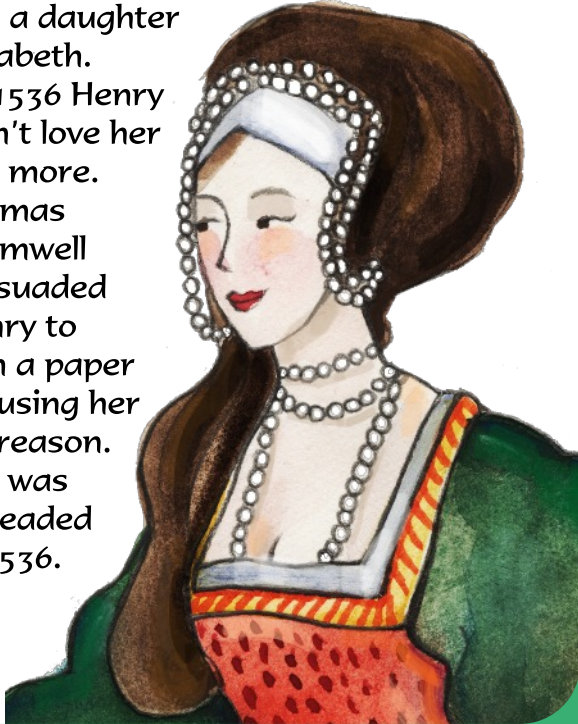


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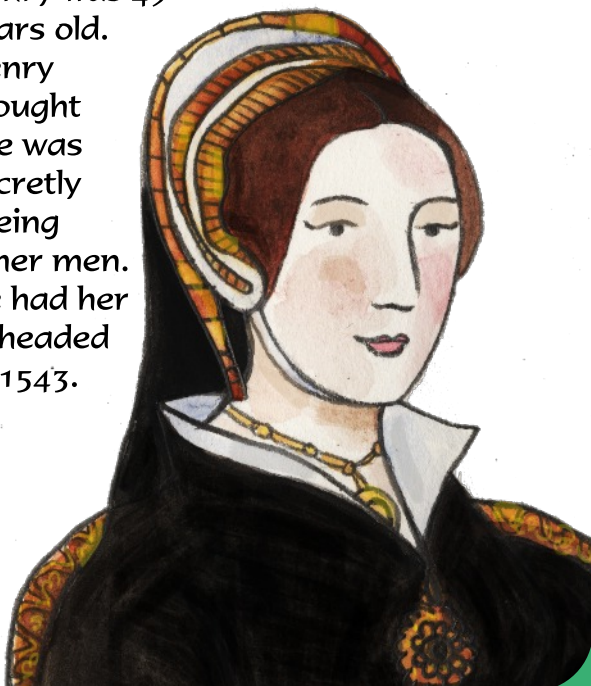


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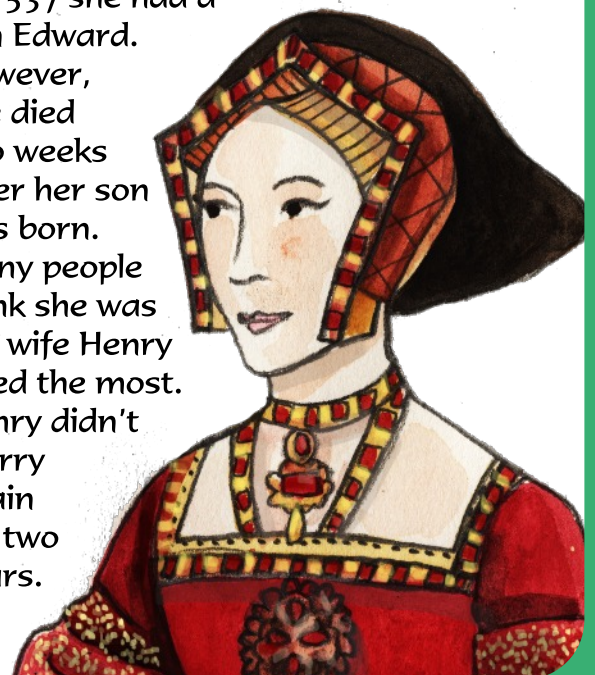
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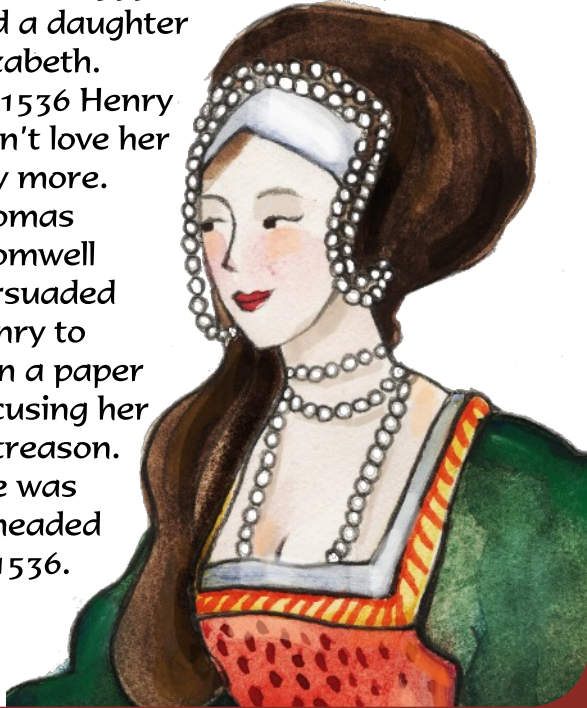


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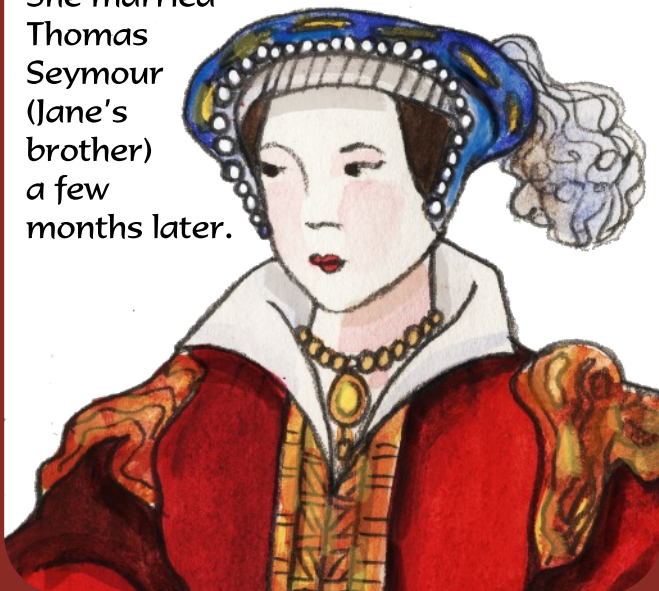
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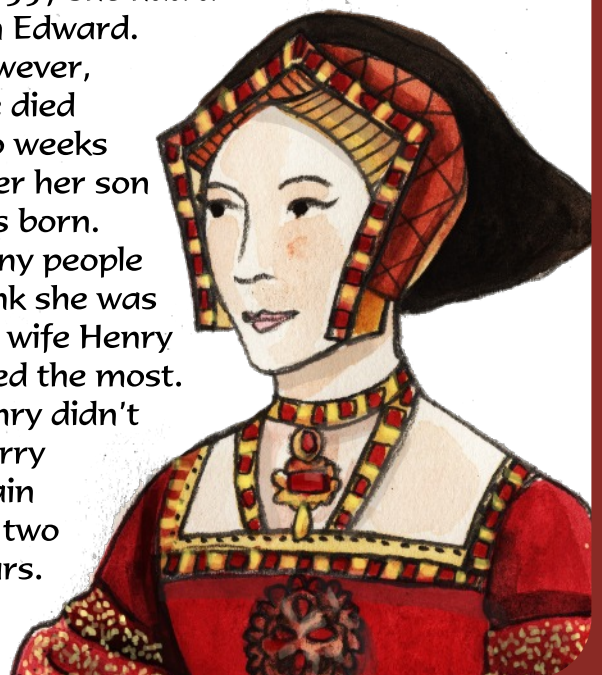
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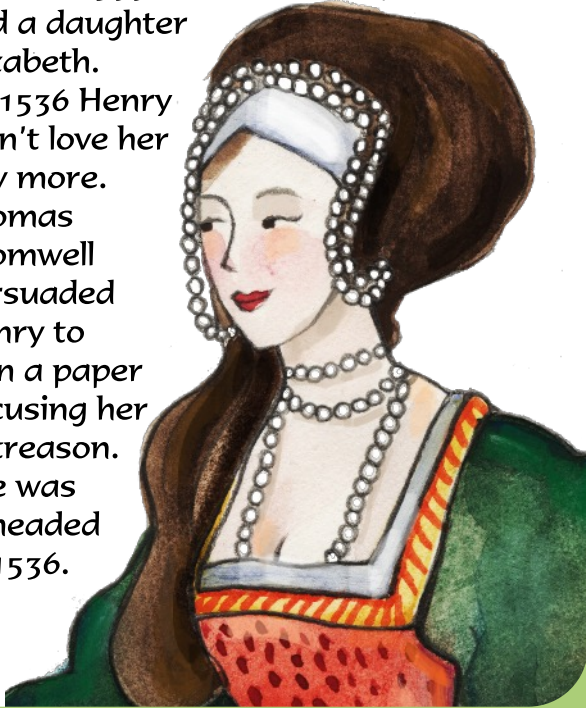


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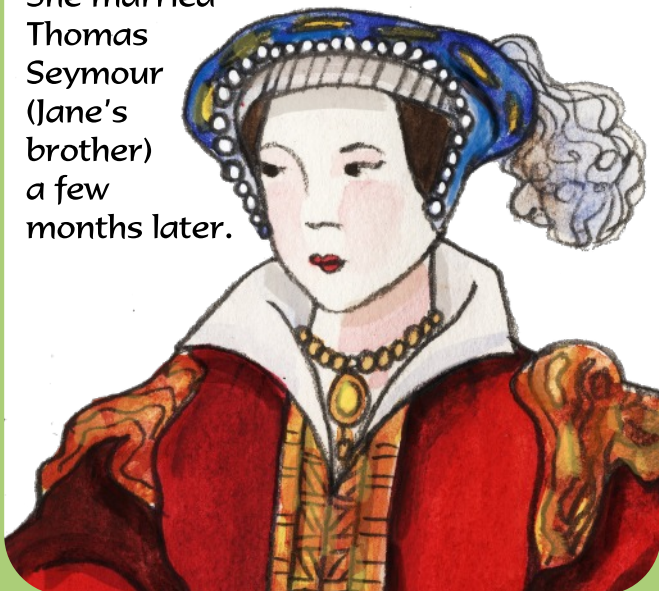
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