**Henry VIII**

**born 28 June 1491 - died 28 January 1547**

- Born at Greenwich Palace, this son of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York married six times
- All his wives stayed at Hampton Court Palace at various times
- Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard were famously beheaded at the Tower of London

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**Katherine of Aragon**

**born 1485 – died 1536**

- Henry’s first wife: married in 1509, they divorced in 1533
- They had several children, but only a daughter called Mary survived who later became Queen Mary I

**Anne Boleyn**

**born c1502 – executed 1536**

- Henry’s second wife: married in 1533
- They had one daughter called Elizabeth, later Queen Elizabeth I
- Henry was deeply disappointed Anne did not have a son to succeed him
- He accused her of various plots, she was executed at the Tower in 1536

**Jane Seymour**

**born 1509 – died 1537**

- Henry’s third wife: married in 1536, two weeks after Anne’s execution
- Jane had been lady-in-waiting to Anne Boleyn
- They had a son called Edward, later Edward VI
- Jane died at Hampton Court two weeks after giving birth to Edward at the palace

**Anne of Cleves**

**born 1515 – died 1557**

- Henry’s fourth wife: married in 1540, they divorced the same year
- Henry agreed to a political union with Anne, a German, but he disliked her upon meeting and sought an immediate divorce
- She lived in England until the end of her life, becoming quite popular at court – she was known as the ‘King’s sister’

**Catherine Howard**

**born c1521 – executed 1542**

- Henry’s fifth wife: married 1540, 16 days after divorcing Anne of Cleves
- She had been Anne’s lady-in-waiting and only a teenager when she married the king
- She was accused of adultery and executed at the Tower of London in 1542

**Kateryn Parr**

**born 1512 – died 1548**

- Henry’s sixth wife: married 1543, she was 31 years old
- She had been widowed twice, and had never had children
- After Henry’s death in 1547 she married again, but died the following year