

Crisis in the Reign of Mary I (A-Level)

Teacher notes

Duration: 4.5 hours

Meeting Point: Clore Learning Centre

Mary I has always been one of history's villains – Bloody Mary. She is also often described as plunging the country into crisis over religion and succession.

At the National Archives students investigate original documents that uncover the real state of the nation during the reign of Mary I and debate whether or not the country was truly in crisis.

At Hampton Court Palace those arguments are put to the ultimate test as students take on the role of Mary's councillors and get to put their questions and concerns to Mary I in person.

Exam board links:

AQA

- Unit 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603 part two.

Edexcel

- Unit 1B England, 1509–1603: authority, nation and religion.

OCR

- Unit 1 Y106 England, 1485–1558: the Early Tudors (Enquiry topic: Mid-Tudor Crises 1547–1558).
- Unit 1 Y107 England 1547–1603: The Later Tudors (Enquiry topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547–1558).

WJEC

- Unit 3 (A2): Poverty, protest and rebellion in Wales and England, c.1485–1603.
- Unit 2 (AS): The Mid-Tudor crisis in Wales and England c.1529–1570 part 1: problems, threats and challenges c.1529–1553
- Unit 4 (A2): The Mid-Tudor crisis in Wales and England c.1529–1570 part 2: Challenges facing Mary and Elizabeth c.1553–1570.



Schedule

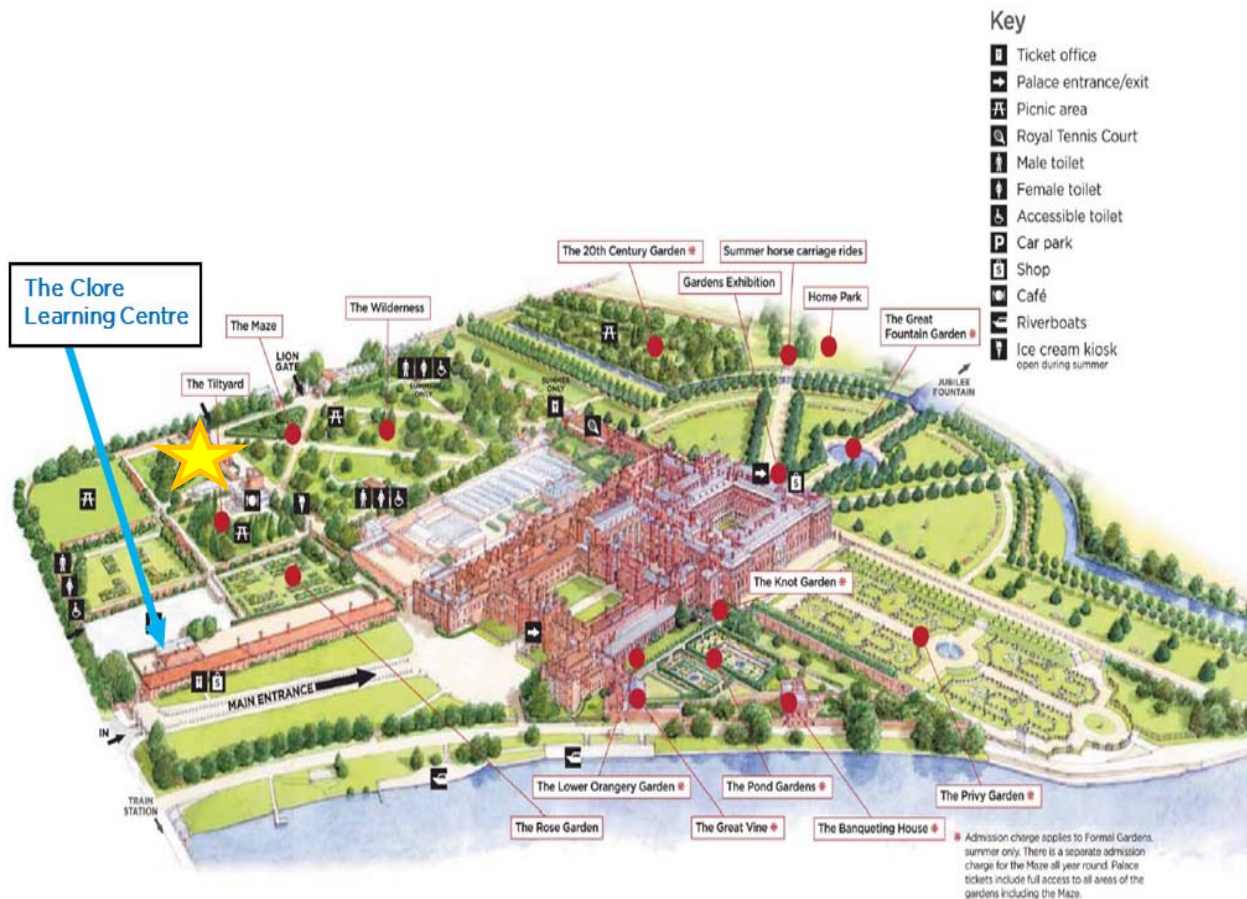
10.00 - 12.00	<p>The National Archives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory session at the National Archives • Examining evidence: encouraging students to focus on the extent to which Mary I's reign can be seen as 'years of crisis' through the study of contemporary documents • Students will then reflect on their findings and formulate questions which they can put to Mary on visiting Hampton Court Palace in the afternoon.
12.00 - 12.30	<p>Lunch (students are welcome to eat their own lunch in their café) <i>However if you are using public transport, we suggest eating lunch on route, leaving The National Archives earlier.</i></p>
12.30 - 13.15	<p>60 minutes travel time to Hampton Court Palace by bus 5 minutes to register at the Clore Learning Centre <i>If you anticipate a late arrival please call us on 0203 166 6641</i></p>
13.15 - 15.00	<p>Hampton Court Palace</p> <p>Your 90 minute session will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 45 minute subject specific tour which describes the situation and atmosphere at the Palace in July 1555. ○ 45 minute session during which students have the opportunity to meet with Queen Mary herself. After she addresses them with a speech, students are encouraged to pose their questions and discuss with her relevant and important issues of the day.
15.00 - 17.00	<p>Free time to explore the rest of the Palace. We would encourage students to visit the areas not previously covered in the tour; the Chapel, the Young Henry Exhibition, and Henry VIII's kitchens.</p>

During your session: Please note that the 1:10 staff to pupil ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 pupils.

The session your group has booked with us takes place in one of our Learning Spaces.



Please meet your workshop presenter in the Clore Learning Centre, shown as a star on the map below. This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.



For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your pupils to dress accordingly.

Getting to and from The National Archives and Hampton Court Palace

The quickest and easiest way to travel between the two sites is by bus, taking the R68 between Kew Retail Park and Hampton Court Palace. Approximate timings are as follows:

- Walk from The National Archives to Kew Retail Park, Stop U: 10 minutes
- R58 bus from Kew Retail Park to Hampton Court Palace, Stop F: 50 minutes
- Walk from outside the Palace to the Clore Learning Centre: 5 minutes

We suggest that you **allow at least 1 hour** for travelling between sites.

Please visit www.tfl.gov.uk for further details and prices.

