

Story book challenge!!:Edward VI (1547 - 1553)

Task: Create a storybook about the reign of Edward VI. You can make this look like a real book, or do this on the computer. You need to include information about his family, the religious changes that happened during his reign and interesting facts about Edward. Use the information below and you can do extra research if you would like. The following websites are useful:

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Edward-VI/476253>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/edward_vi_king.shtml



Edward was born on 12 October 1537 at Hampton Court Palace, the only son of Henry VIII. Henry's desperation for a son had led him to divorce two wives, but Edward's mother, Henry's third wife Jane Seymour, died a few days after his birth. Edward was given a very good education and became very clever, although his health was never strong.

Edward became king at the age of 9, when his father died in January 1547. Edward's uncle, **Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset**, took and established himself as protector to look after the young king and help him rule England. Somerset and the archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, were intent on making England a truly **Protestant** country, supported by the young king. An **English Prayer Book** was issued in 1549 with an **Act of Uniformity** to enforce it. This meant that all church services were now in English rather than Latin.

The French declared war on England in 1549. In the atmosphere of uncertainty, a man called John Dudley exploited his success by bringing about the downfall of Edward Seymour, the Duke of Somerset, who was arrested and later executed.

Although Dudley, later Duke of Northumberland, never took the title of protector, this is the role he now took over. Protestant reform was stepped up - the **new Prayer Book of 1552** was strongly Protestant. This meant that more changes took place, for example; **altars were turned into tables, religious imagery destroyed and religious orthodoxy was enforced by a new and more stringent Act of Uniformity.**

It soon became clear that Edward was suffering from tuberculosis and would not live long. **Dudley was determined that his religious changes should not be undone, so he persuaded Edward to approve a new order of succession.** This declared Mary illegitimate and passed the throne to Dudley's daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey, who was a more distant descendant of Henry VIII. Edward died on 6 July 1553. However, Jane was only queen for a few days until, with overwhelming popular support; the strongly Catholic Mary took the throne. What would this mean for Tudor religion?

Useful story book sentences you may want to use:

Once upon a time there was a very young king named.....

He could not rule England by himself so he had help from.....

It was not long before the church needed some changes like.....

Then there was a big war with France, this meant a new man named decided to get rid of.....

Poor old Edward.....

*You could give the boring names in this paragraph an exciting and memorable twist:
For example...*

Dashing Dudley OR Sneaky Seymour!!!