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Bell Ringer: Age of Absolute Monarchs: King Henry the 8th of England

Instructions: Examine the picture. Read the background information. Answer the questions.



Background: When the Catholic Church would not allow Henry the 8th of England (1491-1547) to dissolve his marriage to Catherine of Aragon (1485-1536), he called for Parliament to break England away from the Catholic Church. He did not sincerely follow Protestant Theology, which asserted the Catholic Church needed reformed and had drifted away from the message of Christianity, but many in England did. They gladly welcomed the Reformation to guide the new Church of England with a law called the Act of Supremacy (1534), which made Henry the leader of the Church of England, not the Pope. During his reign, Henry went on a furious spree of marrying various women and killing or imprisoning them, if they didn't produce male heirs for him, including Anne Boleyn (1501-1536), the woman he wanted to marry after leaving Catherine. A series of heirs descended from Henry as England struggled to solidify and implement its new, Protestant theological and religious system. Henry's daughter, Mary the 1st (1516-1558), tried to make England follow Catholicism again and even persecuted Protestants. It seemed as if she was reversing all that Henry had done to leave the Catholic Church. Yet, when Mary passed away, many Protestant leaders saw it as a chance to once again remove Catholicism and allow Protestantism to reign in England. Elizabeth the 1st (1533-1603), Anne Boleyn's daughter from Henry, took power. She heavily supported the Reformation and returned Protestantism to England.

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2. How did Queen Mary influence the direction that King Henry the 8th had taken England?

She tried to reverse what Henry had done. She wanted England to be Catholic again.

3. Why did Queen Elizabeth the 8th impact the direction that Queen Mary developed for England during her reign?

She stopped the reversal that Mary tried to achieve. She put England on a course to further implemented the Protestant Reformation.