

Build up – Henry VIII, terribly famous

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1. Meet Henry VIII!

Barney: In 1485 Henry Tudor marched his army to a place called Bosworth for a big fight with the army of King Richard III of England.

Announcer: And the winner, by one army to nil is Hen-ry Tu-dor!

Barney: Henry became Henry the Seventh, the first Tudor King of England. When he died, nearly 24 years later, his son took over. As his name was Henry too, he became – no, not Henry Two – Henry the Eighth. Life in the royal court was very different to life outside with the common people. The food was better, and Henry didn't have to work. Just about everything was done for him...

Henry had many talents. He was a fine sportsman. He was musical too – some say he composed the famous tune, 'Greensleeves'. He had everything a king could want – except for a son of his own to become king after him.