

# Answers to Tasks and Questions I Worksheets

## 1. Meet the Tudors

This worksheet intended as an introduction to the members of the royal family, perhaps used as a reference guide in conjunction with the other worksheets. There are keyword search terms for each of the family members, in case students want to undertake their own research or guided research into the personalities mentioned here.

## 2. The King's Residences and Chamber

It is intended that this worksheet and the third worksheet are done in tandem, so that the context and instructions on how to read the documents are read together.

The first extract reads:

Middle English:

It[e]m to Massy for shaving the king  
Ix wekes at iiij s the weke – xxxvj s

Modern English:

Item to Massy for shaving the king  
9 weeks ended at 4s the week – 36s

The second questions asks who else features in the extract. The extract reads:

Item for Pero the Cok[es] quart[er] wag[es] – lxxj s viij d  
Item to Melchior sewer of the chamb[er] wag[es] lvij s  
Item for John Treis quart[er] wag[es] xx s  
Item for John Porth quart[er] wag[es] xx s  
Item for Ric[hard] Lee quart[er] wag[es] xx s  
Item for Lovell garden[er] quart[er] wag[es] xv s ij d

Item for Pero the cooks quarter wages 66 s 8 d  
Item to Melchior sewer of the chamber wages 57 s  
Item for John Treis quarter wages 20 s  
Item for John Porth quarter wages 20 s  
Item for Richard Lee quarter wages 20 s  
Item for Lovell gardener quarter wages 15 s 2 d

Hopefully the children will spot John Tries (Trees) and John Porth, who were mentioned in the section about John Heron.

### 3. Palaeography

1. Huntingdon  
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday  
Two words are spelled differently – Sunday and Tuesday.
2. Peterborough Colyweston  
Wednesday Thursday & Friday
3. Huntingdon to Peterborough is 24.1 miles, Peterborough to Collyweston is 14.3 miles.

### 4. Kings and Leisure

Task:

Middle English:

- It[e]m the king[es] losse to my lorde of York vj s viij d  
It[e]m a rewarde yeuen to Coltes fole iij s iiij d

Modern English:

Item the king's loss to my lord of York - 6s 8d

Item a reward given to Colte's fool – 3s 4d

Answers:

1. 'My lord of York' is Henry, duke of York – later Henry VIII – so Henry is playing with and losing to his 7 year old son. He is not called Prince Henry here as his elder brother Arthur (died 1502) was heir to the throne at this time.
2. 'For balls at the tennis plays', two thirds of the way down the page. Lots of entries for players, for tennis balls and for the king's losses at tennis – clearly bets were being placed on winning and losing.
3. Search for 'bow' or 'bowes', 'crossbow' – Henry has a dedicated crossbowmaker.
4. Launcelot. The keeper is being paid 4 shillings here.
5. Key ones are still around today, or at least the equipment is: Chess, dice, cards  
Search for 'dice' in 1502. 3 results – the top one relates to a gift of 40s to 'my lord of York for play at dice' – see if pupils can guess why Henry VII is giving money to York for playing at dice.  
Results 2 & 3 are from the Queen's book of expenses, so she is also gambling on dice.
6. Pupils should pick up the repeated references to losses of money, which would suggest that Henry loses games (and also loses bets on games he is not playing in). However, these are expense accounts, recording only expenditure, so it is possible that Henry did also win money which is not recorded here – important point about the nature of the source.

## 5. The Royal Family

1. [This payment](#), halfway down the third page, is for jewels and plate, partly for the king's own use, partly for Margaret. Note also the coffer (trunk) at the bottom of the page bought to carry all of Margaret's new things.
2. Middle English:

Item for M[aster] John Polegrave wag[es] scolmast[er]  
To the p[ri]nces of Castell – lxxj s viij d

Modern English:

Item for Master John Polegrave wages school master  
To the princess of Castile – 66 s 8 d.

3. This is a tricky one, because in middle English 'princess' was only spelt with one 's'. The Princess is Mary.

## 6. Richmond Palace

1. The link will lead to page E101/414/16, f.10v – New Year's Day, 1498. The last entry is for a man who found the king's jewels. £20 reward is a huge amount- though probably a mere fraction of what the jewels were worth.
2. This is quite an open question, and there is a lot of evidence for time spent in all of the places mentioned in the keywords. The king spent a lot of time at Westminster, as should be obvious by the number of entries. He also spent a lot of money maintaining the palace. One point of note – he was always at Windsor on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, for the St. George's day celebrations, as this was the seat of the Knights of the Garter.
3. This is quite a long passage, so pupils are asked to only transcribe up until the first full stop. The remainder of the passage below is in dark blue.

Middle English:

Item to Henry Smyth vpon his boke Signed  
Toward[es] the ffynysshing of thall & Chapell  
Rooffes at Richemounte through Bynkes  
ffaultes. and for ffellyng & Cariage of  
Pale tymbre ffor Hanworth. for making  
Of Presses & awm[er]es w[i]t[h]in the towre of  
London. & fynysshing the stables at Wyndeso[ur]  
And Rep[ar]ac[i]ons of Tyles and Ledes at Eltham and at Grenewyche – Cxxxiiij li vj s viij d

Modern English:

Item to Henry Smyth upon his book signed  
Towards the finishing of the hall & chapel  
Roofs at Richmond through Bynk's

Faults. And for felling and carriage of  
Pale timber for Hanworth. for making  
Of Presses & awmers within the Tower of  
London. & finishing the stables at Windsor  
And reparations of tiles and leads at Eltham and Greenwich - £133 6s 8d

## 7. The King is Dead. Long Live the King

Transcription Task answer (Middle English):

Sunday at Richemonte xxijo Die Ap[ri]lis.  
Item for the king[es] offring vpon this Sunday - n[ihi]  
Item for the king[es] Dailly almus this weke - xxxvij s xj d  
Item for the king[es] offring vpon saint Georg[es] day - n[ihi]

Answer (Modernised English):

Sunday at Richmond 22nd day of April  
Item for the king's offering upon this Sunday - nil  
Item for the king's daily alms this week - 37s 11d  
Item for the king's offering upon Saint Georges day - nil

### Questions:

1. Henry died on 21 April, and so was obviously unable to attend mass and make his customary offering. His death was kept a secret while his senior advisors took decisions about how best to ensure the untroubled succession of the young Henry VIII, including arresting Henry VII's unpopular ministers, Richard Empson and Edmund Dudley
2. Treason is the crime of betrayal of one's country or sovereign. Plotting the death of the monarch was, and still is (technically), a crime punishable by death.
3. Monday 18 June, named after St. Barnabas.
4. Folio 11 - Payments for cloth of gold, perhaps the most impressive and expensive fabric a king could wear.

Folio 12 – Organs for playing. Huge offering - £24, which is 72 times his father's standard offering. £40 for 'largess' – this is giving money to the crowds, probably literally throwing it at them, to appear generous and magnificent.

## 8. War

1. £486,857 2 shillings and 9 pence
2. Beer
3. 10

