History

Why did Henry break with Rome

There are many reasons why Henry broke with Rome first of all he was sick of being married to Catherine of Argon she was getting old and couldn’t provide Henry with a son which was what he really wanted, he needed an heir to the throne and in the Tudor times women were thought of as not very powerful and far less important than men. He also thought his marriage was unfaithful as Catherine had been married to his brother before and thought this was one of the reason why god wouldn’t provide him with a son. To make matters worse he had fallen in love with Ann Boleyn she was young and very beautiful and was more likely to be able to provide Henry with a son. As well Ann refused to give Henry a child unless he married her.

I believe the pope had a big role to play with Henry’s break with Rome, as the pope was the one who refused to give permission for him to divorce Catherine. If he had given him permission he never would have broke from Rome. The Pope didn’t let him divorce Catherine because he didn’t want to undermine the power of the previous Pope who had granted him permission to marry her as well. He didn’t want to undermine the power of Charles V nephew of Catherine.

I also believe that Ann had a big part with Henry’s break with Rome as he had fallen in love with her and believed she would be able to provide him with a son, she also encouraged him to do this by giving him a book about starting a new church saying how the pope had too much power and how Henry should have more, this really encouraged Henry to break with Rome.