

Where were the key events of Henry VIII's reign?

1520-29:

1520: Henry met Francis of France near Calais at the Field of Cloth of Gold, a great diplomatic event that seemed to show off Henry's power.

1521: The pope gave Henry the title 'defender of the faith' for writing a book criticising the pope and the Catholic Church against criticism by Martin Luther, a German priest.

1522-25: War with France. Nothing was achieved, a great expense.

1525: The Amicable Grant rising: a rebellion in East Anglia caused by high taxes.

1526-9: Henry wanted to end his marriage to Catherine so he could marry Anne Boleyn. All efforts to persuade the pope to grant an annulment failed.

1528: Henry declared war on Emperor Charles V of Germany, but no war was fought.

1529: Wolsey fell from power over his failure to persuade the pope to grant an annulment of Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Wolsey died on his way to stand trial for treason.

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