

Anne Askew: Comprehension questions

Try answering these questions to check you understood the story of Anne Askew.

1. Look at the first scene with Anne and her brothers. What do we learn about her character? Think of two adjectives and give a piece of evidence to back up each.

Anne is...	Evidence (quotes from the text)
Adjective 1:	
Adjective 2:	

2. On page 3, Anne's father says to her, "You are fifteen years old now, Anne – old enough to be useful as a wife and a mother." What does this tell us about Tudor attitudes towards girls?

3. *His voice was as sharp as flint.* (page 4)

What does this description tell you about the way Anne's father speaks?

4. Look at pages 4 and 5, when Anne's husband, Sir Thomas Kyme, pushes his way into her room. Give one piece of evidence to show that Anne does not like being married to him.

5. When Sir Thomas tells Anne, “You will do what I say!” (page 5) Anne hears echoes of those words in her memory. Why?

6. When Anne runs away to her brother Francis in London (page 6), why is she so excited about living with him?

7. Why is Francis worried about Anne’s plans? (page 7)

8. Re-read the part of the story where the Lord Chancellor questions Anne (pages 9 and 10). What animal is he likened to, and why?

9. On page 12, what does the phrase “buzzing spectators” tell us about the crowd at the execution?

10. In your opinion, did everyone at Anne’s execution want her to die?
