

Anne Askew and the Tudor era

- Anne Askew was born in 1521, to a wealthy family in Lincolnshire. She was the fourth of five children. Her elder sister, Martha, died aged 15.
- Anne lived during the reign of Henry VIII, who was the Tudor King of England from 1509 to 1547.
- It was a time of very strict laws and extremely harsh, cruel punishments for those who broke them. There was no police force. The King's court was very powerful and could deal out punishments to anyone who disobeyed them.
- Tortures included whipping, branding (being burned and scarred) with a hot iron, being stretched on a frame called a rack, or being locked into wooden devices called stocks and pillories.



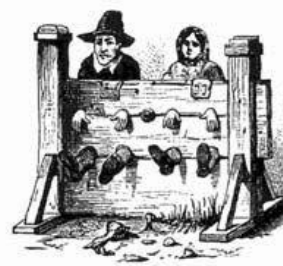
Anne Askew



King Henry VIII



The pillory



The stocks

- Thousands of people were executed, either by being hanged, crushed, beheaded with an axe or burned at a wooden post called a stake. Executions were usually done in public to act as a warning to others!
- The Tudor era was also a time of fierce religious arguments, with some people supporting new, Protestant ideas over traditional Catholic ones. This was called heresy and considered a crime. Those committing heresy (known as heretics) were sentenced to death, often by burning.



A heretic burned at the stake