



National History Day Research Guide

Topic: The Pope vs a King: Henry VIII's Stand Against the Catholic Church

Contact the Reference Services department for help with your research project:

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- Chat with us online with the [Ask Us!](#) Service,
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Getting Started

Begin your research by brainstorming keywords - the words and phrases you'll use to search for books, articles, websites, government documents, and other resources. These may include names of people and places or historical concepts like eras and movements. A librarian can suggest "subject headings" to find the most relevant resources.

Example Keywords & Subject Headings

Henry VIII
Thomas Wolsey
Thomas Cromwell
Thomas Cranmer
Reformation Parliament

[Henry VIII, King Of England, 1491-1547](#)
[Great Britain -- Church History -- 16th Century](#)
[More, Thomas, Saint, 1478-1535](#)
[Reformation -- England](#)

Primary & Secondary Sources

Start your search at [the library catalog](#). You will need to use both [primary](#) and secondary sources for your project. You can often find both in the library catalog and place holds on materials, if needed.

Books/Print Resources at DPL

The King's reformation: Henry VIII and the remaking of the English Church
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=616587>
The Life and Times of Henry VIII
<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=385169>

The English church in the sixteenth century

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=72646>

All things made new: the reformation and its legacy

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=1544706>

Statesman and saint: Cardinal Wolsey, Sir Thomas More, and the Politics of Henry VIII

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=123895>

The Life of Thomas More

<http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view.aspx?cn=334453>

Database/Online Resources

Library databases are online collections of information, organized for research. Databases contain articles, eBooks, images, maps, primary sources and more. If you don't have a library card, [register online](#) for immediate access to these resources. The following recommended databases are available on our [Research](#) and [Teen Social Studies](#) pages.

World History in Context From the ancient world to today's headlines. A chronicle of the great cultures and societies that have formed the history of the human race. Rare primary sources, reliable reference and multimedia content put this vast topic into context.

"Henry VIII." <http://tinyurl.com/zacr3hg>

Gale Virtual Reference Library Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more.

"Henry VIII Divorces Catherine of Aragon." <http://tinyurl.com/zmswfd7>

"Henry VIII, King of England." <http://tinyurl.com/jzevwky>

Expanded Academic Scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many with full-text and images.

"Henry VIII and his Church." <http://tinyurl.com/ja6k6se>

Searching beyond Denver Public Library

As a Denver Public Library customer, you can also [borrow materials from other library systems](#). If DPL doesn't have something you need, search Prospector to check other Colorado libraries' catalogs.

Henry VIII : court, church and conflict

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb21323761__St%3A%28henry%20viii%20church%29__Ff%3Afacetmediatype%3Aa%3Aa%3ABooksLw%3D%3DJournals%3A%3A__P0%2C1__Orightresult__U__X2?lang=eng&suite=def

Religion in Tudor England : an anthology of primary sources

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb35043922__SReligion%20in%20Tudor%20England%20%3A%20an%20anthology%20of%20primary%20sources__Orightresult__U__X4?lang=eng&suite=def

The pontificate of Clement VII : history, politics, culture

http://encore.coalliance.org/iii/encore/record/C__Rb18154154__SThe%20pontificate%20of%20Clement%20VII%20%3A%20history%2C%20politics%2C%20culture%20Lw%3D%3D__Orightresult__U__X4?lang=eng&suite=def

Internet Sources

Before using information you find on the internet for assignments and research, it is important to establish that the information comes from a reliable and appropriate source. The following websites, from government, academic and nonprofit organizations, have been evaluated for authority, accuracy, content and currency.

Unveiling of letter relating to marriage of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon - primary source
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_Cpn3T1yRQ

Archbishop Thomas Cramner: Letter on Henry VIII's Divorce - primary source
<http://www.britannia.com/history/docs/cranmer.html>

The Act of Supremacy - primary source
<http://www.britainexpress.com/History/tudor/supremacy-henry-text.htm>

Records of the reformation : the divorce 1527-1533 - primary source
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=miun.afz7995.0001.001;view=2up;seq=70>

The divorce of Catherine of Aragon; the story as told by the imperial ambassadors resident at the court of Henry VIII
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015027906539;view=2up;seq=8>

The Henrician Reformation - primary source
<http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/prospective-undergrads/virtual-classroom/primary-source-exercises/sources-henrician/sources-henrician-1>

Henry VIII of England, Letter to Anne Boleyn - primary source
<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/vatican/vatican.html#obj6>