

SIX - The Musical

Teen Edition

September 13-22

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage

Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center

120 South 2nd Street



From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st-century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over.

About the Thalian Association

Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region. Tracing its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association Community Theatre was founded to provide arts education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina.



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Historical Scavenger Hunt

Read the following information about the six wives of Henry VIII, the King of England. Then answer the questions to find the six crowns that belong to each queen!

Information: Read the following information closely and refer back to it in order to answer the questions below.

- Henry VIII was the King of England from 1509 until his death in 1547. Henry had six wives during his lifetime and likely many more mistresses. Henry's relentless pursuit of women and a male heir to the throne led to an argument with the Roman Pope Clement VII about the validity of an annulment of one of his many marriages. That friction kickstarted the English Reformation and led to Henry separating the Church of England from the Catholic Church. Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and no longer bowed to the Pope's authority.
- Catherine of Aragon was Henry VIII's first wife. Catherine of Aragon was married to Henry's older brother Arthur first, but Arthur died just five months after their marriage. Henry convinced her to marry him in 1509. They had a daughter, the future queen Mary I, but Henry needed a son to be his heir to the throne in order to secure his lineage. Catherine of Aragon and Henry were married for 23 years – the longest out of all of Henry's marriages by decades. When Catherine of Aragon did not produce a male heir that lived past infancy, Henry VIII requested that their marriage be



annulled on the grounds that she had previously been married to his brother.

- Anne Boleyn was Henry VIII's second wife. She was engaged twice before marrying Henry. Anne Boleyn was an attendant to Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Eventually Henry began pursuing her to be his mistress, but when she refused, Henry tried to annul his marriage with Catherine of Aragon so he could marry Anne Boleyn. However, the Catholic Church refused to annul Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, a decision which led to a devastating break between the Catholic Church and the Church of England. Anne Boleyn and Henry married in 1533 and Anne was crowned Queen of England a few months later. That same year, Anne Boleyn gave birth to a daughter who would become the future Queen Elizabeth I. After Anne Boleyn also failed to give birth to a son, Henry lost interest and began pursuing his next wife Jane Seymour. In order to get rid of Anne Boleyn to be free to marry Jane, Anne was investigated and tried for high treason, accused of incest and adultery, and subsequently beheaded in 1536. Many historians now believe that the charges against Anne Boleyn were questionable.



- Jane Seymour was Henry VIII's third wife. Like Anne Boleyn, Jane was also an attendant to the queens that came before her. Jane waited on Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn at court for nearly five years before Henry began pursuing her. Jane and Henry became engaged following Anne's execution, and married that same year in 1536. Jane



successfully bore a male heir, the future King Edward VI, in 1537. Jane reportedly had a very difficult labor and sadly died from complications of the birth. Henry seemed to view Jane highly due to her producing a male heir. This is apparent through Henry's actions following Jane's death – Jane Seymour was the only wife to have a formal queen's funeral and Henry was buried beside her at his request after his own death in 1547.

- Anne of Cleves was Henry VIII's fourth wife. Anne of Cleves was from Germany and Henry most likely married her in order to form an alliance with her brother William, a ruler of several estates in Western Germany. William was a Protestant, and Henry needed William's support in case the Catholic Holy Roman Empire decided to attack England after Henry dissolved the Church of England's relationship with Rome and the Catholic Pope. Anne of Cleves and Henry married in 1539 but the marriage only lasted for six months. The marriage was declared unconsummated and quickly annulled. However, instead of moving back to her home country, Anne of Cleves lived in England and remained friendly with the royal family.



- Catherine Howard was the fifth wife of Henry VIII. Like many of Henry's wives, Catherine Howard was an attendant to Henry's previous wife, Anne of Cleves. In 1540, just 19 days after Henry's marriage to Anne of Cleves was annulled, Catherine Howard married Henry. Catherine Howard was around age 17 and Henry was around age 50 at the time of their marriage. Catherine Howard was reported to be carefree and flirtatious, and may have had a relationship with at least one other man before and

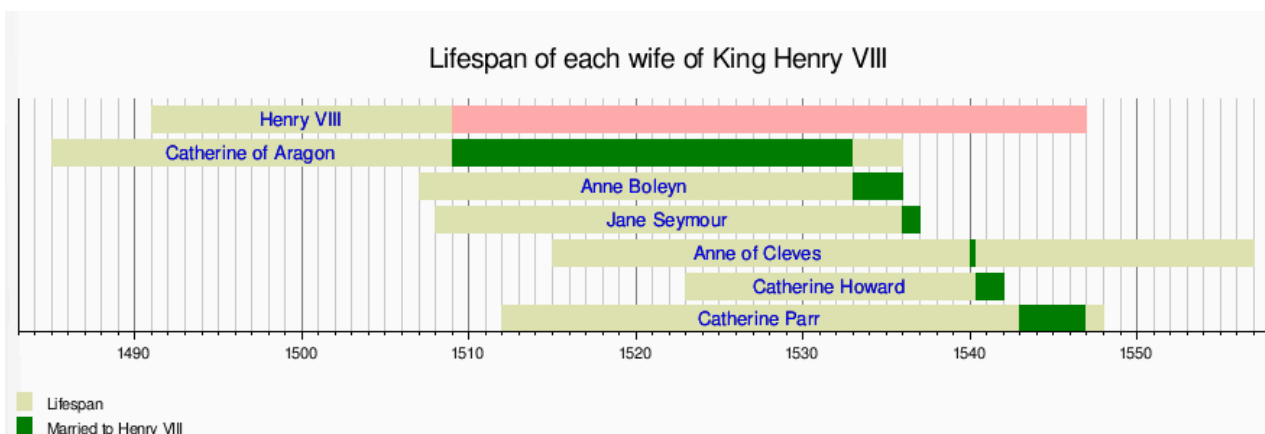


during her marriage to Henry. After Catherine Howard failed to get pregnant quickly, Henry became suspicious of the rumors about Catherine's affair. An investigation was launched and Catherine Howard was quickly questioned and imprisoned. While Catherine Howard was held, her two alleged lovers were tried and executed for treason, and several of her family members were tried and also executed for helping to cover up her affairs. After being in prison for months, the English Parliament passed a bill in 1542 that made failing to disclose her romantic partners to the king or committing adultery a treasonous crime punishable by death. Just a few days after the law was passed, Catherine Howard was executed.

- Catherine Parr was the sixth and final wife of Henry VIII. She married Henry in 1543, a little over a year after Henry had his previous wife executed for treason. Catherine Parr was extremely well educated and wrote several books that were published during her lifetime. She was also fluent in several languages including English, French, Latin, and Italian. Catherine Parr was married three times before her marriage to Henry. Catherine Parr was friendly with the future queen Mary I and Catherine's mother was also friends with Mary's mother Queen Catherine of Aragon. In 1543 Catherine's third husband died and she took a position as Mary's attendant. While at court, Catherine Parr began a relationship with Sir Thomas Seymour, Jane Seymour's brother. However, Henry proposed to her around the same time, and Catherine accepted. Catherine Parr married Henry in 1543 and was very successful at court, even ruling as regent in 1544 while Henry was away on military campaigns. However, her Catholic religious upbringing made her many enemies and, even though she publicly proclaimed to have converted to Protestantism, she was nearly arrested in 1546 after frequently arguing with Henry about religion. Catherine Parr managed to make up with Henry before the arrest could take



place and ultimately remained married to him until his death in 1547. After Henry died, Catherine Parr was given the title of queen dowager as a widow of a king. She married her former love interest Sir Thomas Seymour and became pregnant at the age of 35. However, Catherine Parr sadly passed away following the birth of her only child in 1548.



Questions: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences. Explain your answers by using the information above. Answer the questions correctly in order to gain all the crowns and finish the scavenger hunt!

1. Who was the first wife of Henry VIII?
Who was her daughter? Who was she married to before she married Henry and how did this affect the dissolution of their marriage?



2. Who was the second wife of Henry VIII?
How did Henry's desire to marry her end up affecting the entire country of England? What ultimately happened to Henry VIII's second wife?



3. Who was the third wife of Henry VIII?
What happened that caused Henry to regard Jane highly, even after her death?
How did Henry show this?



4. Who was the fourth wife of Henry VIII?
Why did Henry most likely marry her?
What happened to her after her marriage with Henry ended? Why was this unusual?



5. Who was the fifth wife of Henry VIII?
What ultimately happened to her?
What law was passed as a result of her alleged actions while married to Henry?



6. Who was the sixth wife of Henry VIII?
What was interesting about her educational background? Why was she nearly arrested? What happened to cause her to no longer be married to Henry? Who did she marry after Henry?

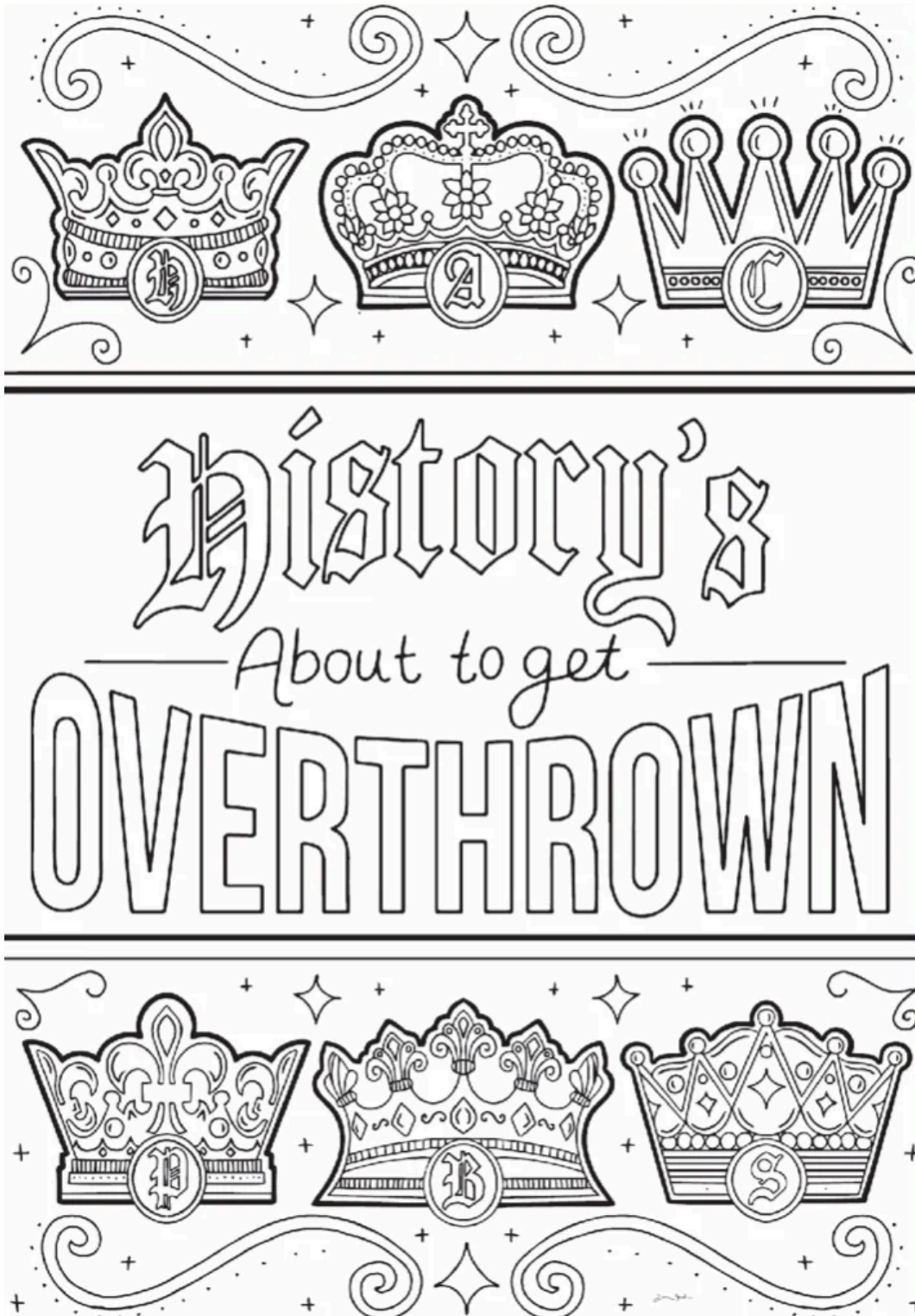


7. Bonus - Henry VIII's Crown: Which of Henry VIII's wives had the same first names? Why did Henry care so much about his wives producing a male heir?



Coloring Sheet

Design your own poster for SIX - The Musical - Teen Edition!



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