

Activity one: Use your knowledge to annotate four different aspects of Alison Weir's interpretation of Henry VIII

“Was Henry a good king? He was certainly a strong and courageous one. He steered his realm through a religious revolution....He established the most magnificent court in English history, and patronised the arts to good advantage. In an age that valued magnificence in its monarchs, he was the Renaissance prince par excellence. Yet he wasted his substantial patrimony on costly and useless wars...and vandalised England's monastic heritage.” Alison Weir, Living History, 7, October 2003

Activity two: Summarise your own views of Henry VIII in one sentence.