



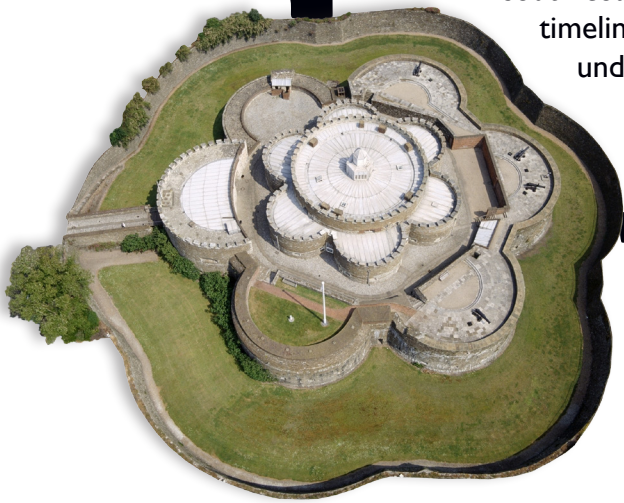
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## TIMELINE

### Deal Castle

This resource has been designed to help teachers plan a visit to Deal Castle, one of King Henry VIII's impressive Tudor artillery forts, built to protect the south coast from European invasion. Use this timeline in the classroom to help students understand the history of Deal Castle.



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Step into England's story

**TUDORS**  
1485–1603

**STUARTS**  
1603–1714

**GEORGIANS**  
1714–1830

**VICTORIANS**  
1837–1901

**20TH CENTURY**  
1901–1999

**1509–47**  
Reign of King Henry VIII.

**1538**  
England was under threat of invasion from France and Spain.



**1642**  
The English Civil War began.

**1649**  
Charles I was executed.



**1652**  
The First Dutch War began.

**1660**  
Charles II was restored to the throne.

**1714–27**  
Reign of King George I.

**1756**  
The Seven Years War began.

**1792–1802**  
The French Revolutionary Wars.

**1803–15**  
The Napoleonic Wars.

**1837–1901**  
Reign of Queen Victoria.



**1914–18**  
First World War.

**1939–45**  
Second World War.

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**1539**  
Building work began at Deal Castle.

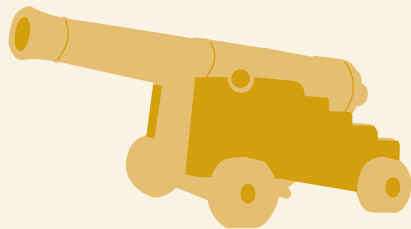


**December 1539**  
Anne of Cleves landed at Deal on her way to marry Henry VIII.

**1540**  
Deal Castle was finished and Thomas Wingfield was made the first captain.

**16TH CENTURY**

**1648**  
During a series of mutinies and uprisings across England, Deal Castle defected to the Royalist side. A Parliamentary force then besieged the castle. The Royalists surrendered after a relief force was beaten on its way to the castle. Colonel Rich, the Parliamentary commander of the besieging forces, became the new captain of Deal Castle.



**17TH CENTURY**

**1727**  
The resident captain, John Norris Esquire, began to alter Deal Castle to make it more comfortable.

**1732**  
The alterations were finished, including a new house and garden for the captain.

**18TH CENTURY**

**1815**  
Deal Castle was no longer used for active defence but still kept four heavy guns. Deal remained a military/ naval town throughout the century (until the departure of the Royal Marines in 1996).

**1860**  
Small ornamental gardens had been created on the outer bastions.



**19TH CENTURY**

**1940**  
The Captain's House and part of the moat wall of Deal Castle were destroyed by German bombing.

**1950s**  
Restoration work was carried out by the Ministry of Works, restoring the castle as far as possible to its Tudor appearance.

**1951**  
Deal Castle stopped being used as a captain's residence.

**1972**  
A new captain was appointed after a gap of almost 20 years. Today, the captain is always the Commandant General of the Royal Marines.

**20TH CENTURY**