

Analyzing World Leaders: Henry VIII vs. Donald Trump

1. **Directions:** Read the information on King Henry VIII and the Forward on President Trump's politics. Highlight or underline any similarities you see on the 2 men (much have at least 3).

King Henry VIII (TeachTCI.com, 2016. Edited by Ms. Mackey, 2017)

England's Protestant Reformation was led by King Henry VIII. In 1534, Henry created the Church of England, also called the Anglican Church, and named himself as the supreme head.

On a personal level, he wanted to end his first married to Catherine of Aragon (Spain). Catherine, descended from royalty in Spain, was slightly older than Henry and together they had not produced a male heir to the throne, only a daughter: Mary. Additionally, Henry began to court the young Anne Boleyn. The pope denied Henry a divorce.

Politically, Henry no longer wanted to share power and wealth with the Church, but rather keep the money for himself. In 1536, Henry closed down Catholic monasteries in England and took their riches.

After Henry executed his new wife Anne, he wedded and dismissed 3 more women. Only his last wife outlived him, further upsetting devout Catholics.

Due to Henry's personal and political choices, England entered an extended period of turmoil. Many Catholics did not want to convert to Protestantism since their beliefs were firmly rooted in the Catholic faith. Additionally, his choices and divorces alienated neighboring countries. Many people rioted and refused to recognize Henry as a legitimate ruler.

England did not calm after his death. After Henry died, his daughter Mary reigned. Angry at the treatment of her mother, Mary enforced the Catholic faith and burned many Protestants at the stake for heresy, earning her the name "Bloody Mary."

President Trump's CPAC Speech: February 24, 2017. Forward by Ms. Mackey, March 2017).

Forward: President Donald Trump has saturated the news with his dramatic statements and sweeping calls for change. In his CPAC speech Trump seems to be alarmingly one-sided. His political changes seem to serve him personally, from his stance on economics to immigration and foreign border defense.

Like leaders before him, he is fixated on "fame" and being remembered. He makes it clear that power is what defines a successful leader, and he has worked hard to make sure he is one of the most powerful men in the world. This need for power seems due to his need to get his own way.

Throughout his campaign and since his inauguration, there have been several violent and non-violent protests against Trump's politics in addition to conservative backlash against liberal protesting Trump's presidency.

2. Now read Donald Trump's CPAC speech from February 24th, 2017. Highlight the first sentence of each new paragraph:

"Now is the time for action. So let me tell you about the actions that we're taking right now to deliver on our promise to the American people and on my promise to make America great again. We've taken swift and strong action to secure the southern border of the United States and to begin the construction of a great, great border wall.

So that we can protect our economic freedom. And we're going to make trade deals, but we're going to do one on one, one on one, and if they misbehave, we terminate the deal and then they'll come back and we'll make a better deal. None

of these big quagmire deals that are a disaster.

But I always say, Obamacare doesn't work. And the bottom line, we're changing it. We're going to make it much better, we're going to make it less expensive. We're going to make it much better.

We're preparing to repeal and replace the disaster known as Obamacare. We're going to save Americans from this crisis, and give them the access to the quality health care they need and deserve. We have authorized the construction, one day, of the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipelines.

And issued a new rule -- this took place while I was getting ready to sign. I said who makes the pipes for the pipeline? Well sir, it comes from all over the world, isn't that wonderful? I said nope, comes from the United States, or we're not building it. If they want a pipeline in the United States, they're going to use pipe that's made in the United States.

(Mackey: this was, in fact, not true. The steel was imported from another country.)

And by the way, the Middle East is in -- I mean, it's not even close, it's in much worse shape than it was 15 years ago. If our presidents would have gone to the beach for 15 years, we would be in much better shape than we are right now, that I can tell you."

3. Answer the following questions:

A. Which source is a primary source? How do you know?

B. Which source is a secondary source? How do you know?

C. Use the sentences you highlighted to find 3-5 problems you see with America's new government. This will be your Theses to nail to a wall.