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### The Tudors: Henry VIII to Elizabeth I, 1509-1603: State Papers Domestic

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- The Dissolution of the Monasteries
- Elizabeth I: Marriage and the Succession
- Voyages of Discovery of Drake, Gilbert, Hawkins and Frobisher
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- The rise and fall of the Earl of Essex
- The diplomacy of William Cecil and Francis Walsingham

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- Development of the Reformation across Europe
- 1534 Act of Supremacy declares Henry VIII Supreme Head of the Church in England
- Dissolution of the monasteries in England
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- Religious wars in Europe
- Social unrest in England caused by extreme religious swings from Protestant Edward VI, to Catholic Mary I and then to Protestant Elizabeth

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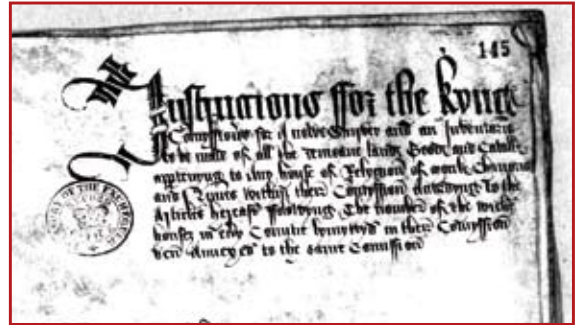
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## An international resource:

- Francis I and his correspondence with Henry VIII
- St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of the Protestants (1572)
- Henry VIII's letters to Charles V
- Mary I's marriage to Philip II of Spain
- Rivalry at sea between the European powers
- Exploration in the West Indies and the orange trade

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