









## Timeline of Tudor England and the Kingdom of Benin

Tudor England		Kingdom of Benin
Henry VII	<p>1480</p> <p> <b>Oba Ozolua is crowned.</b></p>	Oba Ozolua
	<p>1485</p> <p> <b>Henry Tudor is crowned Henry VII, founding the Tudor dynasty.</b></p> <p>The Kingdom of Benin establishes trading relations with the Portuguese.</p>	
	<p>1496</p> <p>Henry VII builds the first royal dockyard at Portsmouth.</p>	
	<p>1497</p> <p>John Cabot arrives at Canada and claims Newfoundland for England.</p>	
	<p>1501</p> <p>Catherine of Aragon arrives in England. Her entourage includes several Africans.</p>	
	<p>1504</p> <p> <b>Oba Esigie is crowned.</b></p>	
	<p>1507</p> <p>Royal trumpeter John Blanke successfully petitions Henry to double his wages.</p>	
Henry VIII	<p>1509</p> <p> <b>Henry VIII is crowned.</b></p> <p>John Blanke performs at the funeral of Henry VII and the coronation of Henry VIII.</p>	Oba Esigie
	<p>1511</p> <p>John Blanke performs at the Westminster Tournament.</p>	
	<p>1512–13</p> <p>Henry VIII founds new dockyards to build a fleet of naval ships in Woolwich (1512) and Deptford (1513), close to his palace in Greenwich.</p>	
	<p>1514</p> <p>The first ambassador from the Kingdom of Benin is sent to Portugal.</p>	

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Henry VIII	1516	Oba Esigie
	The Kingdom of Benin ceases the sale of enslaved men to the Portuguese.	
	c.1530	
William Hawkins makes the first trading voyage to West Africa.		
1545	Henry VIII witnesses his favourite ship, the <i>Mary Rose</i> , sink during a battle with France.	
Edward VI	1547	Oba Orhogbua
	Expert diver Jacques Francis leads a salvage team who attempt to raise the <i>Mary Rose</i> from the seabed. Henry VIII dies.	
	 <b>Edward VI is crowned, aged only nine years old.</b>	
	 <b>Oba Orhogbua is crowned.</b>	
1548	Jacques Francis becomes the first African to give evidence in an English court..	
1550s	Oba Orhogbua expands the Kingdom of Benin by gaining control of all coastal territory up to Lagos.	
Mary I	1553	Oba Orhogbua
	 <b>Lady Jane Grey reigns as uncrowned Queen Regent but is soon succeeded by Mary I</b> Captain Thomas Wyndham voyages to Benin to acquire pepper directly from Oba Orhogbua.	
Elizabeth I	1558	
	 <b>Elizabeth I is crowned.</b>	
	1562	
	John Hawkins makes the first English slaving voyage, sanctioned by Elizabeth.	