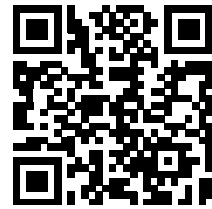


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# Thomas More and the Tudors



In the Tudor period, \_\_\_\_\_ was under the rule of a dynamic and sometimes ruthless royal family. Thomas More, a prominent figure during this \_\_\_\_\_, served as an advisor to King Henry VIII. Born in 1478, More was not only a politician but also a celebrated \_\_\_\_\_, philosopher, and lawyer. His most famous work, "Utopia," describes an ideal society and critiques the social, political, and economic \_\_\_\_\_ of his day.

As a lawyer, More became known for his honesty and integrity, qualities that caught the attention of the \_\_\_\_\_. Initially, Henry VIII admired More's intellect and moral stance, leading to his appointment as \_\_\_\_\_. In this role, More worked on legal reforms and represented the king's interests in court. However, his \_\_\_\_\_ was marked by complex challenges, especially concerning the king's desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of \_\_\_\_\_.

More's opposition to the king's plan was rooted in his strong Catholic beliefs. He refused to endorse the \_\_\_\_\_ and the establishment of the Church of England, which would allow Henry VIII to marry Anne \_\_\_\_\_. This decision put More in a dangerous position, as Henry was known for eliminating those who opposed him.

Despite the \_\_\_\_\_, More stood by his convictions, a stance that ultimately led to his arrest in 1534. He was charged with treason for not recognizing \_\_\_\_\_ as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. After a trial that many observed as unfair, \_\_\_\_\_ was found guilty and executed in 1535.

More's life and death highlight the tensions between personal \_\_\_\_\_ and political loyalty during the Tudor period. His legacy continues to be celebrated for his \_\_\_\_\_ to his principles and his contributions to literature and political thought.

Despite the tragic \_\_\_\_\_, Thomas More remains a symbol of integrity and intellectual courage in the face of royal \_\_\_\_\_.

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