

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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To answer  
questions on a  
text.

# The lost diary of Henry VIII's executioner

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1. What is chopping? P8
2. What experience has Smith had as an executioner? P8
3. Why is a colon been used on page 9?
4. What is Smith's nickname? P9
5. Why has Smith been given a nickname?  
P9
6. How do we know Chopper was surprised?  
P10
7. Why was Chopper surprised? P10
8. Give a sentence using: (p12/13)
  - a dash
  - an exclamation mark
  - brackets

### **TASK**

**Produce a newspaper sports report on the jousting competition.**

Q1: refer to video

Q2: refer to video

Q3:

24th April, 1509  
I went in to see the King after breakfast this morning. He was having a light snack: lark's tongues, a few stewed sparrows, a roast pigeon two.  
He thought Watkyn Smith was a daft name for an executioner. He said I should call myself Scragger, or Chopper.  
"Righto, Guv'nor," I said.  
I quite fancy being called 'Chopper' Smith. I got a bit of a ring to it, I reckon.

Q4: refer to video

Q5: refer to video

Q6/7:

5th June, 1509  
The Guv'nor is getting married before he gets crowned. He's sent me an invitation to the wedding and the coronation. A messenger brought it round this morning.

**Invoytation**  
Watkyn ('Chopper') Smith  
You are invited to join the King on the occasion of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, on June 11th in the Bear of our Lord 1509, at the Private Chapel, Greenwich.  
You are also invited to attend his coronation on 23rd June at Westminster Abbey, followed by a reception (in Westminster Hall if wet).  
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You could have knocked me down with a feather! I reckon it's going to be a month of parties and drinking!

Q8:

23rd June, 1509  
What a day! I couldn't get in the Abbey for the coronation, but I watched the Guv'nor and his queen-to-be go in. What a laugh! As they walked along a bit of carpet, people came down like rats and chopped it up for souvenirs! Then all the toffs walking behind in the procession kept tripping up in the holes.  
After that, it was the wedding feast. I got into that! What fantastic grub. We had roast swan, roast heron, roast venison and roast pig, with all the trimmings. I think we had roast stork, as well, but I can't tell stork from bittern. Anyway, good job I'm not a vegetarian - I'd have been dead hungry!

26th June, 1509  
Went to watch the jousting today. What a to-do! They had two teams, Lady Pallas's Knights and Lady Diana's Knights. (Why they couldn't call them something simple like 'United' or 'City', I don't know.) Anyway, they hacked away at each other like nobody's business, and some of them lost their tempers. They were supposed to be jousting for a gold lance and a crystal shield, but the whole thing turned into a free-for-all and I don't know who won or even if anybody did.