

### 3 The English Reformation

Watch the video. Focus on the historical facts, the dates and the consequences of Henry's decision.

#### HELP!

##### Names

- **William Tyndale** was a scholar who advocated protestantism.
- **Cardinal Wolsey** was the representative of the Roman Catholic Church in Henry VIII's court.

##### Nouns

- (an) heir /eə/ : héritier(ère)
- the Pope /pəp/

##### Adjectives

- clandestine
- critical / crucial /kru:ʃəl/
- rushed = precipitated

##### Expression

- born out of wedlock /wedlɒk/ = être né(e) hors mariage



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### 4 A secret wedding

A. Read the texts to find more details on the reasons that led to the wedding and the ceremony.

#### Text A

Anne was pregnant [...], and that made it absolutely necessary to marry quickly – for the sake of the child's legitimacy [...]. If they put off the wedding too long and Anne delivered a healthy boy, he would automatically be named a bastard<sup>1</sup> – unable to sit upon the English throne after Henry. Such a risk was unthinkable, so Henry became a bigamist. He would marry Anne Boleyn in a secret ceremony, becoming her lawful husband while still technically married to his soon-to-be ex-wife, Katherine [...]. No doubt, after about six years of waiting around, Anne was more than happy to go along with the plan, trusting that Katherine would be out of the picture soon.

So, the wedding went ahead! Just before dawn on 25 January 1533, according to historian Alison Weir, some of the king's closest companions and members of Anne's family gathered<sup>2</sup> in Henry's personal chapel at Whitehall Palace, where a simple ceremony was carried out.

<sup>1</sup> illégitime • <sup>2</sup> se rassembler

#### Text B

[Henry] passed the Act of Supremacy<sup>1</sup>, declaring that he was the Head of the English Church. In June 1533 Anne was crowned Queen of England in a lavish<sup>2</sup> ceremony at Westminster Abbey.

<sup>1</sup> adopter une loi • <sup>2</sup> somptueux/euse

B. Look at the painting. Does it illustrate one or several documents on these two pages? Justify.



Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, William Hogarth, circa 1728