

## Source C: Henry VIII Quotes

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The following quotes are from Henry VIII regarding a variety of subjects.

"We are, by the sufferance of God, King of England; and the Kings of England in times past never had any superior but God."

~ Henry VIII proclaiming he is subordinate only to God and no one else (1515)

"We thought that the clergy of our realm had been our subjects wholly, but now we have well perceived that they be but half our subjects: for at their consecration they make an oath to the Pope, contrary to the oath that they make to us. They seem to be his subjects, and not ours."

~ Henry VIII on the clergy of England and their allegiance to the Pope (1532)

"[The people] look to you for light and you bring them darkness. Amend these crimes and set forth God's word truly or else I, whom God has appointed his high minister here, will see these divisions extinct, and these enormities corrected..."

~ Henry VIII on correcting the problems of the Catholic Church (1545)

### **Quote 1 Keywords:**

Sufferance – Lack of objection.

1) Does the quote from Henry VIII lead you to believe he considers himself a subject of the Pope's? Why or why not?

### **Quote 2 Keywords:**

Clergy – Religious member of society.

Consecration – Ceremony

2) Who does Henry VIII say the priests pledge their allegiance to during their consecration?

3) Why would Henry VIII find a problem with priests pledging allegiance to the Pope?

### **Quote 3 Keywords:**

Amend – To alter or modify.

4) Who does Henry VIII say God has appointed high minister?

5) What point is Henry VIII trying to make about religious authority?