

HUMANITIES II

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: BoltPrincipal dates in the life of Sir Thomas More

- 1473: Born, February 6th
- 1485: Accession of Henry VII. Culmination of the Wars of the Roses. Henry joins his Lancaster red rose to Elizabeth of York - white rose. England at peace for the first time in over 60 years.
- circa 1490-1492: More serves in the household of Lord Chancellor Cardinal Morton.
- circa 1492-1494: Attends Oxford.
- 1494-1496: Law student at New Inn, then at Lincoln's Inn.
- 1497: Made a bannister at Lincoln's Inn.
- 1500: Intimate Friendship with Erasmus.
- 1500-1504: Lived at the Carthusian Monastery in London (the Charterhouse) but without vows; pursued Greek studies with the scholar and dramatist Lily, Grocyn, Linacre; practiced law.
- 1504: Elected to Parliament.
- 1505: Marriage to Jane Colt.
- 1509: Accession of Henry VIII at the age of seventeen. Erasmus wrote The Praise of Folly: in More's London home.
- 1510: Under-sheriff of London.
- 1511: Death of Jane Colt; marriage to Alice Middleton.
- 1515: Embassy to Flanders as King's ambassador; wrote Book II of Utopia.
- 1516: Wrote Book I of Utopia; published in November at Louvain.
- 1518: Accepted office on the King's Council.
- 1521: Under Treasurer. (K.C.)
- 1529: Succeeded Wolsey as Lord Chancellor
- 1531: Cromwell (Thomas) appointed to the King's Council.
- 1532: Resigned the Lord Chancellorship.
- 1533: Archbishop Crammer consented to the divorce of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon; Anne Boleyn crowned Queen; Thomas More is conspicuously absent at the coronation.
- 1534: Refused to take oath accepting the King as head of the church; imprisoned in the Tower of London.
- 1535: July 6th - beheaded after conviction on perjured evidence.

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