

Reading

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National Portrait Gallery

The National Portrait Gallery in London has a collection of portraits of famous British men and women, from the 16th century to the present day. The portraits are both paintings and photographs. Here's what the audio guide says about three of the pictures in the gallery.

1 Henry VIII was born in 1491. He was King of England from 1509 to 1547 and is famous for separating the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church, and for his six wives. When he was young, as in this picture, he was very strong and good-looking. He was an excellent sportsman, and was also a good musician and poet. However, in his old age he was very fat and always in pain.

2 The Brontë sisters, Charlotte, Emily, and Anne, were born between 1816 and 1820 in a small village in the north of England. They were all writers, but only Charlotte, with her novel *Jane Eyre*, was famous in her lifetime. Their brother Branwell, the painter of this portrait, was originally in the picture between Emily and Charlotte. He wasn't happy with his self-portrait and now the painting shows only the three sisters.

3 Helena Bonham Carter, the actress, was born in London in 1966. Her mother is half Spanish and her father, who died in 2004, was the grandson of Herbert Asquith, the British Prime Minister from 1908 to 1916. Her first big role was as Lucy Honeychurch in *A Room with a View*, and her other roles include The Red Queen in *Alice in Wonderland*, Bellatrix Lestrange in the Harry Potter films, and Queen Elizabeth in *The King's Speech*.



1. The person in the first picture is _____.
a. a young king b. an old king c. a young queen

2. The second picture shows _____.
a. a painter and his family
b. three brothers and sisters
c. a family of writers.

3. The person in the third picture is _____.
a. a Spanish actress
b. a British politician
c. a British actress

4. Henry VIII was King of England in the _____ century.
a. fourteenth b. sixteenth c. fifteenth



5. Henry VIII was famous for _____.

- a. his many children
- b. his music and poetry
- c. his problems with the church

6. One of _____ novels was famous when the sisters were alive.

- a. Charlotte Bontë's
- b. Anne Bontë's
- c. Emily Bontë's

7. At first, Charlotte, Emily and Anne's _____ was in the picture.

- a. brother
- b. uncle
- c. father

8. Helena Bonham Carter's _____ was a politician.

- a. great-grandfather
- b. grandfather
- c. father

9. Her first film was _____.

- a. Alice in Wonderland
- b. A Room with a View
- c. The King's Speech