The Mary Rose

The Mary Rose was a great warship of Tudor England (the period from 1485 to 1603). She was built in Portsmouth, a historic English port. The Mary Rose King Henry VIII _____ well and _____ part in all three of his wars with the French. On July 19TH , 1545, the Mary Rose was just about to go into battle again with the rest of the English fleet when she sank just off the coast of Portsmouth.

Nobody really knows why she sank. It might have been because of French gunfire, as the French _____ at the time, or maybe the ship was overloaded with men and guns and was simply too heavy. A popular theory is that the weather was very calm, and, all of a sudden, a freak gust of wind blew the ship over. Today, new evidence suggests that the crew were perhaps to blame for leaving the gun ports open and letting water in. Most of the crew died and the Mary Rose lay undiscovered at the bottom of the sea for 300 years until 19th century divers found the wreck and recovered some guns from the ship.

In the 1960s, with better diving equipment, divers were able to bring around 20,000 objects to the surface. The great dream of raising the Mary Rose off the seabed finally came true in 1982, and her remains were put on show in Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard. Only half of the ship was recovered because the rest _____ by tides and saltwater. The half that _____ into the seabed and lain covered in mud for centuries was well preserved. This part was raised and sprayed continuously with chemicals to preserve it. A new multi-million pound museum, which is built around the ship, was opened in the summer of 2013.

The public is able to learn the history why the ship was built, as well as hear the theories about why she sank and also see thousands of the recovered objects.

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As you walk around the museum, you are looking at a Tudor time capsule, much like stepping back in time to Tudor England. You can see not only the guns and weapons of a warship, but all so that tell you how people at that time lived. There are fascinating personal belongings such as combs, which even have some Tudor lice in them! A manicure set, which probably _____ to an officer, is also on display and shows that personal hygiene was important, at least to some of those on board. Possibly the oldest violin in Europe is also on display, showing that the men probably _____ music in their free time between battles.

Some materials such as leather bags and shoes have remained in one piece and are in good condition whereas metal items are missing because they have rusted away. There are leather flasks that the men _____ to drink from and wooden spoons used for eating meals. Some remains of what they _____ also exist in the form of bones from pigs and cows. The skeleton of a dog, whose purpose was to kill the rats on board ship, is also on display, along with the bones of such a rat, which probably _____ along with the crew. All this is just an exciting taste of things to come. The new Mary Rose Museum will display even more fascinating examples of life on a ship over 450 years ago.

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1- Had taken
2- had served
3- Had belonged
4- Had enjoyed
5- Had drowned
6- Had been destroyed
7- Had claimed
8- Had eaten
9- Had used
10- Had sunk

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