

Diary of Anne of Cleves

1st January 1540

Dear Diary,

It is my greatest displeasure that I believeth I may have, without intent, caused great offence to my betrothed on our very first meeting. Unbeknownst to my advisers, it is customary in England for a suitor to surprise their proposed bride on their arrival. Earlier this night, I was resting in my chambers when a group of unfamiliar gentlemen entered unannounced. I recognised them not so, albeit polite, I did not greet them warmly. Later I am apprised of the knowledge that it was in fact the King himself and that he is wholly dissatisfied that his chosen Queen did not know him on our meeting. On his return, I received him with my most humble and courteous greeting. However I fear the damage may be done.

6th January 1540

Dear Diary,

With great joy and merriment my nuptials are completed and I, the Queen, granted such honour as a position next to My Lord, His Excellency, I pray I will serve him well. My Lord and I undertook of our vows in a most private and fitting manner, at the Palace of Placentia. His Majesty dressed resplendently in a gown of cloth of gold, with silver embroidery and bands of dark fur. His coat of crimson satin fastened with diamonds. Quite the picture of regal magnificence.



1 Find and **copy** one word which means the same as 'engaged'.

2 What do you predict would be written in the next diary entry?

3 Explain why Anne is upset in the first diary entry.

4 Where did Anne and Henry get married?

5 Using evidence from the text, explain how you think Anne is feeling in each diary entry.

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