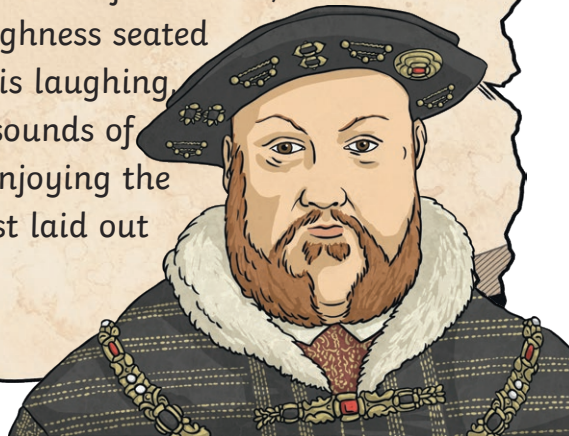


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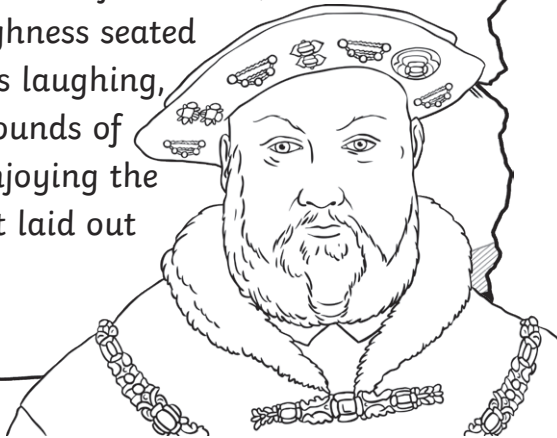
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Answers



1. What is the purpose of the first sentence?
Accept any sensible answer, such as: The first sentence gives the reader information about Hampton Court Palace.



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