

History Source Analysis: The Tudors

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Source A: Extract from a letter by the Spanish Ambassador, 1536

"The King has ordered that Queen Anne [Boleyn] be taken to the Tower of London. She is accused of treason and adultery. The people of London seem not to mourn her fall, for she was never popular among them. Many believe the charges are false and that the King wishes only to be rid of her so he may marry again."

Questions:

1. According to the source, why was Anne Boleyn arrested? (1 mark)
2. What does the ambassador suggest about public opinion of Anne Boleyn? (2 marks)
3. How reliable is this source for understanding Anne Boleyn's arrest?
Consider: Who wrote it? When? What might their perspective be? (4 marks)

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