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- **Expensive fabric like velvet and lace.**
- **Fashions from around Europe.**
- **Diamonds and pearls.**

2. Compare sources A and B. How would you describe Henry based on these two sources alone?

**Wealthy, handsome, fit and healthy, regal, powerful.**

3. Read source C. How would you describe Henry when he was older?

**Very obese, bed ridden, sore ridden, unhealthy, old, immobile.**

4. Source D was painted around the same time as source C was written. Do the sources look the same or has the painter tried to hide any faults of Henry's with his clothes or pose?

- **Paintings may have been 'airbrushed'/made to look more favourable to Henry.**
- **Sores on legs could be hidden by thick tights.**
- **Baldness covered by a hat.**
- **Made to look less obese.**

5. Read sources E and F. What leisure activities did Henry like doing?

**Jousting, riding, hunting, wrestling, religious masses.**

6. Can we trust sources B, D and I to give an honest picture of how King Henry really looked?

**Portraits commissioned by King Henry – would want to please him.**

**Can be propaganda – made to look more powerful than he was.**

**Portraits all look similar so perhaps reliable?**