

## Foreign Monarchies

### Marriages

Mumtaz Mahal, *the chosen one of the palace*, was married to the devoted Shah Jahan. After she died in childbirth, he built her a magnificent tomb called the *Taj Mahal*.

Diane de Poitiers was the mistress of Henri II of France. This was despite the fact that she was 20 years older than him and that he was married to Catherine de Medici.

Catherine I of Russia (Catherine the Great) came from a peasant family in Lithuania. Tsar Peter married her in 1712 and they had 12 children. He also changed the law so she could inherit the throne.