



Endpoints for History

Year 2 – Magnificent Monarchs



In this topic, we will learn about the English and British monarchy from AD871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, we will build up an understanding of the monarchs and research the six most significant sovereigns.

What I know and can explain

In the past, some monarchs had absolute power and could make their own rules and laws

Today we have a constitutional monarch, Charles III, which means that laws are made by parliament, and the King represents the nation

Buckingham Palace in London and Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire are two significant royal residences in the UK

The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth that shows the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England

Henry VIII was a Tudor king who broke away from the Roman Catholic Church and created the Church of England

Elizabeth II was the constitutional monarch of the United Kingdom and the leader of the Commonwealth between 1952 and 2022

Useful Vocabulary

AD - The years after Jesus Christ was born

Century - A period of 100 years

Chronology - The order in which events happened

Decade - A period of 10 years

Empire - A group of countries that a ruler or government has control over

Heir - The person who will inherit the throne on the monarch's death

Kingdom - A country that a king or queen rules

Monarch - A king or queen who rules a kingdom

Parliament - A group of people who make laws for their country

Sovereign - A supreme leader, usually the monarch