

Year 2 – Summer Term History – Who were our mightiest monarchs?

Vocabulary and Glossary

Absolute power	Complete control over someone or something
AD – anno Domini	The years after Jesus Christ was born
Feudal system	A way of putting people into groups based on how powerful they are
Government	A group of people who control a country and make laws or important decisions
Head of state	Someone who represents a country in public, such as a monarch
Monarch	A king or queen who rules a kingdom
Parliament	A group of people who make the laws for a country
Reign	The period of time that a king or queen rules over a country
Sovereign	A king or queen
Spanish Armada	A fleet of Spanish ships that tried to invade England
Chronological order	This is the time order in which things happened or in which people lived

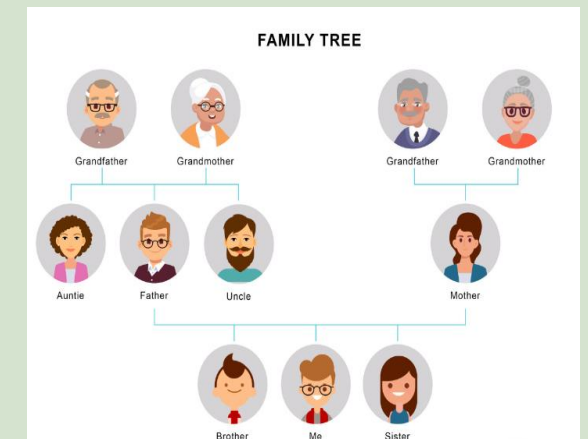
What is a monarch?

- A monarchy is a country that has a king or queen as head of state.
- The king or queen is known as the monarch.
- There have been over 60 monarchs since Alfred the Great in AD 871.
- Elizabeth II was the longest reigning British monarch until she died in 2022.
- The monarch today is Charles III.



How does someone become the monarch?

- The crown of a monarch is passed down through the family.
- A long time ago, when the king or queen died, their eldest son in the family would become the next king.
- Nowadays, the crown can pass to the eldest child if they are female.
- A diagram that shows us how people are connected in a family is called a family tree.



Who were our mightiest monarchs?

Who were the significant monarchs of the past?



William the
Conqueror



King Henry
VIII



Queen
Elizabeth I



Queen
Victoria

How has the role of a monarch changed over time?

- The power of the monarchy has changed over time.
- In the past, some monarchs had absolute power. This meant that they could do whatever they wanted.
- Today, there is a constitutional monarchy. This means that the monarch is controlled by parliament and the government.



Where does a monarch live and how has this changed over time?

- Royal residences include palaces, castles and stately homes.
- Some of them are used for official royal business. Some are used as holiday or private homes. Many are tourist attractions.
- The style, design and comfort of the residences has changed over time.



Buckingham Palace



Hampton Court

Which monarch has most impacted on our lives today?

- Each monarch has achieved something that made them significant in history
- Historical models, such as Dawson's model and diamond ranking, help us to organise and sort historical information.
- A viewpoint is a person's own opinion or way of thinking about something.
- People may have different opinions about which monarch had the most impact.

