

What do I already know?

- I know that King Charles III is the current British monarch
- I know that Queen Elizabeth II reigned for nearly seventy years

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Who was the most significant monarch and where did they live?

KEY VOCABULARY

kingdom	An area ruled by a king or queen.
monarch	A king or queen who rules a kingdom.
reign	The period of time that a king or queen rules over a country.
AD (anno Domini)	The years after the birth of Jesus Christ.
century	100 years.
decade	10 years.
absolute power	Complete control over something e.g. a monarch has complete control over the people in their kingdom.
feudal system	A hierarchy where people are put into groups based on their class and roles/jobs.

Who is our current monarch?

Elizabeth II sadly passed away in September 2022, she reigned for nearly 70 years. She was the longest reigning monarch. Her son, King Charles III has taken over the role as the British monarch



Significant monarchs from the past

William the Conqueror
1066-1086



- Invaded England.
- Became king when he won the Battle of Hastings.
- He had absolute power. And created the feudal system.
- Built many castles.

Henry VIII
1509-1547



- Had six wives
- Created the Church of England
- Wanted wealth and power so took land and wealth away from monasteries
- Made lots of enemies and built more castles to protect England

Queen Victoria
1837-1901



- Reigned for 63 years
- Supported charities
- Supported new technologies and inventions
- Increased the British Empire
- Had nine children with Prince Albert

Anglo-Saxon 871 - 1066	Norman 1066 - 1154	Plantagenet 1154 - 1399	House of Lancaster 1399 - 1461	Tudor 1485 - 1603	Stuart 1603 - 1649	Commonwealth of England 1649 - 1660	Restoration 1660 - 1714	Hanoverian 1714 - 1901	House of Saxe-Coburg/ Gotha 1901 - 1910	House of Windsor 1910 - present
871-899 Alfred the Great	1066-1087 William the Conqueror			1509-1547 Henry VIII				1837-1901 Queen Victoria		1952-2022 Queen Elizabeth II
				1558-1603 Elizabeth I						2022—present King Charles III

What was it like to be a monarch?

Roles and responsibilities

- In the past, some monarchs had **absolute power**. No-one could tell them what to do and they made all the laws.
- Today, the King doesn't make laws and can't change decisions made in **parliament**.
- The King's job involves supporting **charities**, going to special events, **opening parliament** and giving **awards**.

Royal residences

Monarchs live in **castles** and **palaces**—usually more than one!

In the past, kings and queens had **grand feasts** and **parties**. They had many **servants** to clean, cook and even dress them.

Today, a lot of castles and palaces are used for charity events or as **tourist attractions**.



Buckingham Palace is in London, England. It is the Queen's main residence.



Balmoral Castle is in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. It is used mainly as a holiday home for the Royal Family.



Osborne House is on the Isle of Wight, England. This was Queen Victoria's favourite holiday home.