

- Monarchs are kings and queens.
- The UK has been ruled by kings and queens for many years. It has a hereditary monarchy.

King William I

ruled from 1066 to 1087



- William I won the Battle of Hastings.
- He became the King of England in 1066.
- He was known as 'William the Conqueror' because he took over England.

King John I

ruled from 1199 to 1216



- John I was one of the worst kings in English history.
- He taxed the barons and made them angry.
- The barons forced him to sign Magna Carta.

Queen Elizabeth I

ruled from 1558 to 1603



- Elizabeth I won the Spanish Armada.
- She proved that women could be powerful monarchs.
- Her time in power was the 'Golden Age'.

King Charles I

ruled from 1625 to 1649



- Parliament and the Roundheads beat Charles I and the Cavaliers in the English Civil War.
- Parliament asked Oliver Cromwell to rule.
- The UK did not have a monarch for 11 years.

King Charles III

has ruled from 2022



- Charles III is the monarch today.
- Today, we have a constitutional monarchy.
- The Prime Minister is in charge and the King does not have much power.

Word	Definition
army	A large number of people trained to fight on land.
baron	A member of the lowest rank of nobility.
battle	A fight between two armies.
civil war	Wars between groups of people of the same country.
conquer	To defeat and take control of a country and its people.
constitutional monarchy	A political system where the king or queen acts on advice from the government.
coronation	The ceremony of crowning a king or queen.
defeated	Losing in a game or battle.
government	A group of people who are in charge of a country.
hereditary monarchy	A political system led by a monarch whose title is passed down to a child from a parent.
invade	To attack and enter a country or place.

Word	Definition
Magna Carta	An official document listing basic laws for running the country.
monarch	A king, queen, emperor, or empress ruling a country.
parliament	A group of people who make a country's laws.
portrait	A picture of a person.
power	Political control over a country.
powerful	Having great power, strength, or influence.
Prime Minister	The leader of a government.
role	Someone or something's function or purpose.
rule	To govern or reign.
supporters	Someone who supports something, like a sports team or political party.
throne	A special chair for a king or queen at ceremonies.