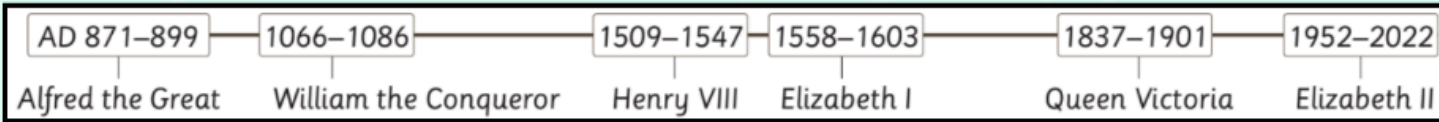


Magnificent MONARCHS



Some countries are ruled by a monarch. Britain has a monarchy. Over 60 monarchs have ruled since Alfred the Great in (AD 871). The current monarch is Charles III.

Palaces, castles, and stately homes and royal residences. They are used for official business, holidays, or as tourist attractions
Royal portraits



How do monarchs want to be seen?

Elizabeth I: Powerful and confident (direct stare, crown, Tudor roses)
Charles I: Brave and strong warrior (armor, calm face)
George III: Strong leader, thoughtful (crown, robes, pillar, distant stare)
Power of the monarchy

How monarchy and rule has changed over time

Past: Absolute power (could do whatever they wanted)
Present: Constitutional monarchy (limited power, controlled by parliament)
Example: Edward I and the Model Parliament



Six significant sovereigns

- **Alfred the Great** (AD 871–899): Wise, brave king who united the English kingdoms
- **William the Conqueror** (1066–1086): Invaded England, created the feudal system
- **Henry VIII** (1509–1547): Famous for marrying six times and creating the Church of England
- **Elizabeth I** (1558–1603): Intelligent, brave, loved by her people, never married
- **Queen Victoria** (1837–1901): Reigned for 63 years, supported charities and the British Empire
- **Elizabeth II** (1952–2022): Head of state and the Commonwealth for 70 years



Glossary

absolute power	Complete control over someone or something especially of a monarch or government over their people.
AD – anno Domini	The years after Jesus Christ was born.
feudal system	A hierarchy where people are put into different groups based on their class and roles.
government	A group of people who control a country and make laws or important decisions.
head of state	The public representative of a country, such as monarch.
hierarchy	The order of people or things from most important to least important.
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.