

L.O.: To understand Shakespearean attitudes to royalty.

Entry Task

Wednesday, 18 March 2020




Read these statements about the Queen. Write down whether you think they are true or false.

1. The Queen has a huge amount of power in the country. **False - her power is limited.**
2. The Queen gives advice to the government and meets with the Prime Minister. **True.**
3. All countries in the world have Kings and Queens who help to rule them. **False.**
4. The Queen makes all the laws. **False.**
5. The Queen can declare war. **True - but it's very unlikely that she ever would!**



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Outcomes

CORE - grade 1 	KILLER - grade 2 	DEADLY - grade 3 
Can make a basic comment on Shakespearean attitudes to royalty.	Can explain Shakespearean attitudes to royalty.	Can explore Shakespearean and modern attitudes to royalty.

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Starter

Royalty today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgQ9wk4p7IU>

- Queen Elizabeth II is a constitutional (symbolic) Queen - she has very little real power.
- However, there are some countries in the world where the Queen or King has absolute power; these royals are not restricted by any laws.
- Countries with absolute monarchy include: Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Swaziland, Brunei and Oman.

Discuss!

- Is it fair to have a King or Queen who leads the country because they were born into that family?
- Is it right for a King or Queen to have absolute power to do whatever they want?



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New Learning

Royalty in Shakespearean times

The Divine Right of Kings:

The idea that Kings were chosen by God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bviTlghIxc>

The Great Chain of Being:

The idea of a social order created by God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHjRtXokQwQ>

Regicide:

Killing a King would have therefore horrified those who lived in Shakespearean times.

James I:

He was King when the play Macbeth was written. He was the King of Scotland and was terrified of witches. The Gunpowder Plot was an attempt to assassinate him. Many ideas and themes in the play are connected to him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74GKQoYPL6E>

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Independent

Copy and complete!

In Shakespearean times, people believed in the Divine Right of _____. This is the idea that _____ chose the King or Queen to _____. As a result, trying to rebel against the King or Queen or kill them (_____) was seen as a terrible _____. This was linked to the idea of the Great _____ of Being, which is the belief that God created a social _____ with the royalty at the _____. King _____ I strongly _____ these ideas.

God	Regicide
Kings	Chain
James	Order
Rule	Sin
Promoted	Top

Challenge! How is the modern royalty different to royalty in Shakespearean times?

Answer the questions in full sentences.

1. What was the Divine Right of Kings?
2. What was the Great Chain of Being?
3. How did Shakespearean people feel about rebelling against the King and regicide (killing the King)?
4. Who was King when Macbeth was written?
5. What was the Gunpowder Plot?

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Plenary

How would the UK be different today if we still believed in the Divine Right of Kings?

