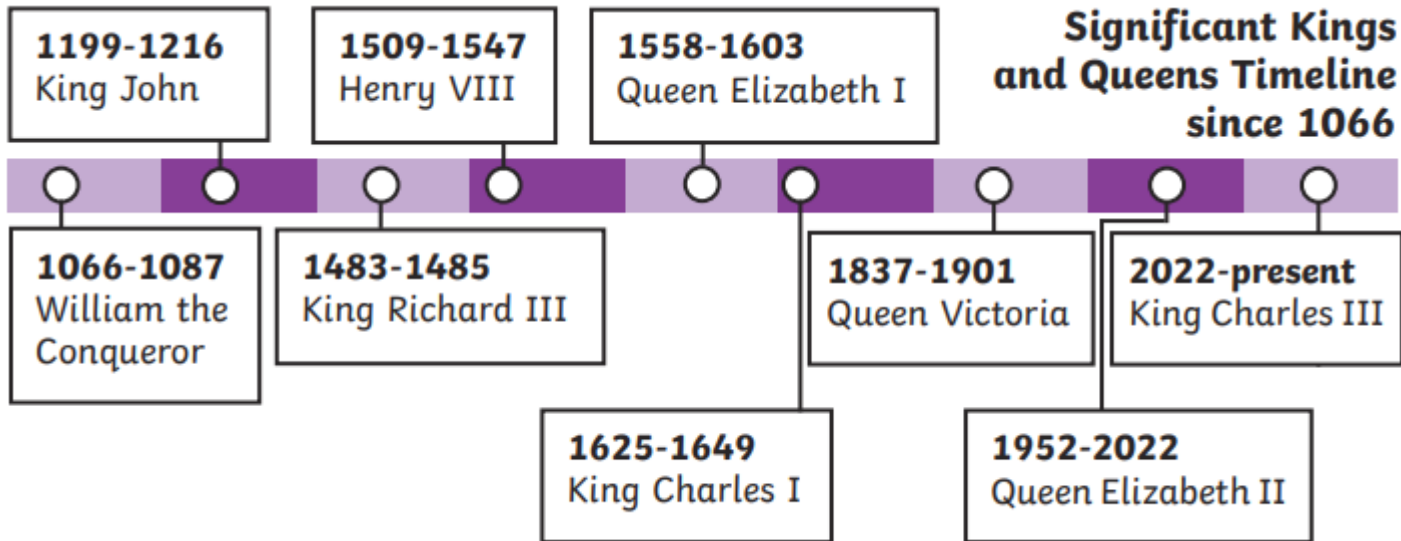


Enquiry Question: Kings and Queens: cruel or kind?



Subject Specific Vocabulary	
monarch	A monarch is a king or queen, an emperor or a sultan.
Parliament	This is where politicians meet to decide laws.
succession	This is the order in which a monarch's family will take over the throne.
medieval	Relating to the Middle Ages, many hundreds of years ago
banquet	An elaborate and formal meal for many people.
conquer	To take control of a place or person.
abdicate	To give up the throne. To no longer be king or queen.
tapestry	A piece of thick fabric with pictures woven or embroidered into it. Usually tells a sequence of events.
reign	The length of time a king or queen rules for
coronation	The new monarch is crowned King or Queen.
sovereign	A ruler of a country such as a king or queen.
empire	A group of states or countries ruled by a single monarch.

In 2020, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch with 70 years on the throne. Before this Queen Victoria had reigned the longest.



Sticky Knowledge about Kings and Queens

- William I came from France. He killed King Harold in 1066 and took over England, becoming known as 'William the Conqueror'.
- King Edward I was given the nickname 'Longshanks' because he was very tall. He was also called the 'Hammer of Scots' as he spent a long time fighting with Scotland.
- Henry VIII was desperate for a son, so when his wife Katherine of Aragon gave him a daughter, he divorced her. In doing so he split England from the Catholic church and created the Church of England.
- Henry VIII had six wives! He divorced two and beheaded two!
- Elizabeth I was the daughter of Henry VIII. She was never married.
- Richard III is often known as being a cruel and unkind king. He is famous because no one knew where he was buried until his skeleton was discovered in a car park in 2012.