

Magnificent Monarchs



These activities are for you to do at home with an adult. You can do all of them or choose the ones that you find most interesting.

Activities

1. Write a sentence to explain the meaning of each of the following words.

castle

monarch

ruler

palace

reign

2. Read these statements about monarchs. Decide whether each statement is true or false and give reasons for your answers. Write your answers in sentences.

- A monarch has to be a woman.
- William the Conqueror had absolute power and could do whatever he wanted.
- Queen Victoria was the first female monarch of the United Kingdom.
- Parliaments were set up because the monarch wanted a holiday.
- England has always had a monarch.
- Elizabeth II will be the last monarch of the United Kingdom.

3. Use a range of sources to find out about Balmoral Castle, Buckingham Palace and Osborne House. Describe what each of these royal residences are like, who lives or lived there and where they are found.

4. Use the internet or information books to find out about Elizabeth I, then write a short information leaflet about her life. Include details about her personal life, her time as a monarch and some of her achievements. Remember to organise information under headings. You might also like to add a glossary.



5. Look at these photographs of members of the Royal Family. Use research to name them and write some facts about each person.



6. Find out when the following significant monarchs reigned. Then, draw a timeline putting them in the correct order. Record some key facts about each monarch on the timeline.
- Alfred the Great
 - Elizabeth I
 - Elizabeth II
 - Henry VIII
 - Queen Victoria
 - William the Conqueror
7. Look carefully at some portraits of past and present British monarchs. Think about who the monarch is, what their clothes tell you about when they lived, how the portrait makes the monarch seem powerful and what objects are in the portrait. Then, choose a person in your house or a famous person that you like. Draw a portrait of them that shows others what that person is like and why they are important.
8. Finish your home learning by writing some sentences or explaining to an adult what you know about the monarchy, royal palaces and significant British monarchs.



Useful websites

BBC Bitesize – Famous monarchs

The home of the Royal Family

Good reads

| Title | Author | ISBN |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 100 Facts Kings and Queens | Miles Kelly | 9781782093732 |
| The Usborne Kings and Queens Picture Book | Sarah Courthauld and Kate Davies | 9781474930154 |
| People in History: Henry VIII | Stephen White-Thompson | 9780750284134 |
| History Heroes: Elizabeth I | Damian Harvey | 9781445133027 |
| Info Buzz: Queen Victoria | Izzi Howell | 9781445159508 |

