

Choose a king or queen of Britain and do some research about them.

Some of them are very interesting:

- ◆ Did you know that King Henry VIII had six wives?
- ◆ Did you know Queen Victoria was only 18 years old when she became queen?
- ◆ Did you know Queen Elizabeth I was the first woman to be queen of England?

Once you have done some research and reading, you will need to pick one king or queen and do some further investigating.

Split an A4 page into four sections and write the following headings:

1. Who is the king or queen? Background information
2. Interesting facts about their reign
3. Impact they had
4. Other facts

Click on the links below to help you start your research:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/kings-and-queens/>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids-rule-guide-to-kings-andqueens/>

Try to make your very own castle.

Here are some images of some different ways you could make a castle. You can use one of these ideas or come up with your own creative castle design. The castles have been made with cardboard, playdough, Lego and spaghetti and marshmallows.

Click on the link below to have a look at a step-by-step guide of how to make a cardboard castle:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/guide-to-castles/cardboard-castle/>



If I Were Queen or King for a Day

Amazing Fact

The youngest British monarch at the start her reign was Mary, Queen of Scots, who became queen when she was only 6 days old, in 1542.

Challenge

What would you do if you were king or queen for a day?

Would you change the world? Or would you have a fun day doing as you please?

Do you think you would like it?

Write about what you would do.



Try to make some royal biscuits.



QUEEN DROP BISCUITS

MAKE THESE DELICIOUS FRUITY BISCUITS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN BAKED BY MRS CROCOMBE HERSELF.

QUEEN DROP BISCUITS RECIPE (MAKES 24)

- 225g (8oz) butter
- 225g (8oz) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 340g (12oz) flour
- 225g (8oz) currants
- A few drops of almond extract

METHOD

- Cream the butter and add the sugar. Mix well, before adding the sifted flour and eggs.
- Mix until light and fluffy and tip in the currants and almond extract.
- Using your hand or a tablespoon, drop equal quantities of the mixture onto a greased baking sheet. Don't put them too close together as the mixture will settle and expand outwards – you'll end up with a cross between a cookie and a cake.
- Bake at 180C for about 10 minutes or until firm to the touch, and cool on a rack.

The recipe for these biscuits was found in Audley End cook Mrs Crocombe's very own book, and has been updated for modern biscuit bakers by food historian Annie Grey. She comments that these biscuits are "excellent indeed, and most moreish. They have the texture of cookies, with a cake-like middle and a biscuit-like exterior."

To find out for yourself, follow our instructions and enjoy! We think they're the perfect tasty treat to honour the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria on 24 May, 1819!

Royal Art

From the sixteenth century onwards, portraits of kings and queens have been used to shape how we see Royalty. Click on the link below to visit the National Portrait Gallery and to take a tour of the Kings and Queens portraits;

<https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/portrait-list.php?search=ap&subj=357;Kings+and+Queens+tour>

After your tour, pick one of the portraits and to draw, sketch or paint your own version of the portrait.



How would you entertain a very sad king?

Imagine that you have been sent to the castle to make the King smile. What would you do?

Prepare a song, a riddle or something funny and perform to the class.



Design a crown fit for a king or queen.

What materials would you use? Why?

What precious gemstones will you include? Maybe rubies or emeralds... or even diamonds. Can you find out some interesting facts about your gemstones.

Draw your design and clearly label the materials used and explain why you have chosen the materials you have.

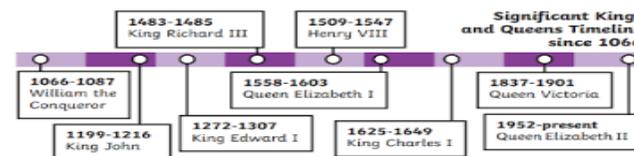


Draw a timeline for the kings and queens of Britain.

Can you work out who ruled for the longest time?

How about the shortest?

Include interesting facts about the monarchs you have chosen.



Roman Numerals

We know how many kings or queens have had the same name by the number at the end of their name.

Our queen is called Elizabeth II because she is second queen called Elizabeth.

We use Roman numerals to show this.

Can you write Roman numerals for numbers up to 10? How about 100?

Can you find out to write years (like 2022) in Roman numerals?

Kings and queens have royal coats of arms.

Find out about royal coats of arms. What do they have on them, why? Design a royal coat of arms for your family. Make notes about why you have included the features you have.



Learn a song!

Try and learn the words to the Horrible Histories song about kings and queens.

Go on, give it a go!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC6gkzIKQvg>

