

## Magnificent Monarchs Subject Knowledge Organiser

### Magnificent Monarchs

This term, we will be learning all about six of the most influential sovereigns of our country, England.

**Did you know...**there has been 35 monarchs of England, but only 6 of them have been women!

### Picture Perfect

Monarchs often go to great lengths to ensure that their official portraits portray a particular message. What do the below paintings tell you about these sovereigns?



Alfred the Great



William the Conqueror



Henry VIII



Elizabeth I



Victoria



Elizabeth II

### Royal Residences

Castles and palaces have been used by the monarchy throughout history as homes, vacation spots and as protection. We will be learning all about the features of castles and what life inside a royal residence is like!



Warwick Castle

### Castle Features

Moats—These surround castles and make it hard to attack them!

Round towers— Round towers are more structurally stable than square towers. These make great look out spots for knights!

Battlements— These protect soldiers from attackers.

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## Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
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 according to the Bible.
feudal system	A hierarchy where people are put into different groups based on their class and jobs.
government	A group of people who control a country and make laws and important decisions.
head of state	The public representative of a country.
hierarchy	The order of people or things from most to least important.
monarch	A king or queen who rules a kingdom.
parliament	A group of people who make laws for a country.
reign	The period of time that a sovereign rules over a country.

## The Commonwealth



The commonwealth is the area that is currently or has previously been under the rule of the British Monarchy. These countries are all incredibly diverse and span every continent except for Antarctica! King Charles is the current leader of the Commonwealth.

## The Power of the Monarchy

The power of the monarchy has changed over time. In the past, some monarchs had absolute power. This meant that they could do whatever they wanted. Today, there is a constitutional monarchy. This means that the monarch is controlled by parliament and the government.

