

Key Knowledge: The Power of Kings and Queens

William the Conqueror

- To know how the Normans came to rule Britain in 1066.
- To understand how William established his power as king in England and how it was exercised through the feudal system.
- To understand the causes and consequences of the Harrying of the North.



King John

- To know the key events in King John's reign.
- To understand why the Baron's rebelled.
- To know the significance of the Magna Carta and how it reenvisioned the idea of royal power.

Henry VIII

- To know how the War of the Roses led to establishment of the House of Tudor.
- To understand the system of primogeniture and why this led to Henry VIII's break from the Roman Catholic Church.
- To understand the significance of Henry VIII's wives and their influence on royal power.

Queen Anne

- To understand the causes and consequences of the 'Glorious Revolution'.
- To know what the Acts of Union were and how they established the United Kingdom.
- To understand the growing significance of parliament and how this changed the nature of royal power and rule.



Queen Victoria

- To know about the development of the British Empire during Queen Victoria's reign.
- To understand the significance of Empire to Victorian people and society.

The Modern Royal Family

- To know who the members of the current Royal Family are and their powers.
- To understand how the Succession to the Crown Act 2013 ended the system of primogeniture.

Key Vocabulary:

King	Male ruler of an independent country
Queen	Female ruler of an independent country
Royal Power	Power exercised by the King or Queen
Feudal System	A system in which royalty controls the land and provides land in exchange for loyalty and service
Magna Carta	Document that established everyone is subject to the law, even the king
Primogeniture	The right of the firstborn son to inherit the parent's estate
Parliament	An organisation that represents the voters and makes laws
Parliamentary Power	Power exercised by the parliament
Empire	A group of countries ruled by the same monarch or ruler

Historical Skills and Enquiry:

- To be able to establish clear narratives across periods of time.
- To examine how the Normans established royal power in contrast to the Anglo-Saxon kings.
- To know how the feudal system helped establish royal power and how it also led to changes in royal power over time.
- To compare and contrast the reigns of different monarchs over time and how they exercised royal power.
- To understand the causes and consequences of the decline in royal power vis-à-vis parliamentary power.
- To understand how national and international events impacted on the power of kings and queens.
- To be able to explain the similarities and differences between the reigns of a range of kings and queens.