

REIGN OVER US

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

The Norman Duke, William, was friends with the English King, Edward the Confessor. He attacked England on Edward's death as he had been promised the English crown by Edward but denied it by the Saxon King, Harold. William defeated King Harold at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

THE DOMESDAY BOOK

The Domesday Book was a survey designed to record everything that people owned in England in 1085. It was ordered by William the Conqueror so that he could determine how much money in taxes he could raise and to give himself a better sense of the land he had just conquered. The Domesday Book was, in effect, the first national census.

THE MAGNA CARTA

King John made himself very unpopular during his reign by his constant demands for money. The leading barons tried to limit his powers by drawing up the Magna Carta. The Magna Carta is an important document. It was a series of written promises between the king and his subjects that he, the king, would govern England and deal with its people fairly.

HENRY VIII

In 1509 Henry VIII became king of England. He was 18 when he became king. Henry wanted a son to be king when he died. He and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, only had a daughter. Henry wanted to divorce the Queen and marry Anne Boleyn but the Pope said "No!". Henry was furious and made himself head of the Church of England.

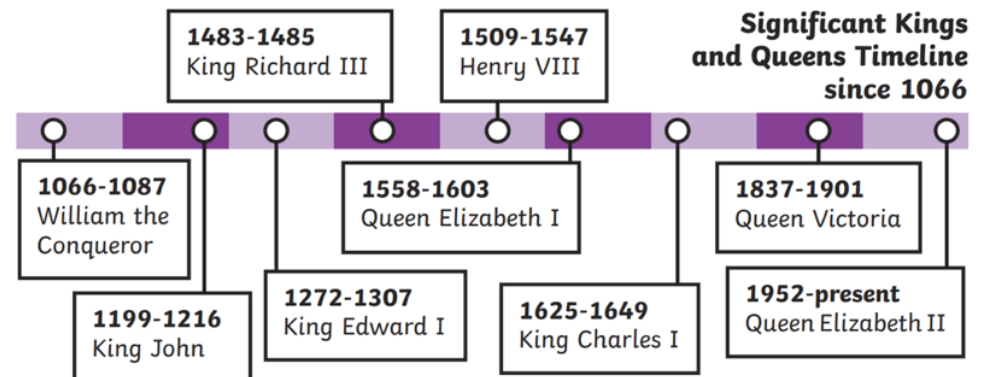
Key People



CHARLES I AND THE CIVIL WAR

The **English Civil War** happened in the middle 17th century. The term civil war is a war where the sides involved in the fighting are from the same country.

There was a struggle between King Charles I and the Parliament of England over how England should be ruled. The King wanted to rule without Parliament telling him what to do. At first Parliament wanted to reduce the King's power, but later it decided that the country did not need a king. King Charles's supporters were known as the Royalists, and were nicknamed "Cavaliers". Parliament's supporters were known as the Parliamentarians, and were nicknamed "Roundheads".



Key Language

Cavaliers a supporter of King Charles I in the English Civil War.

Century a period of one hundred years .

Civil war a war between citizens of the same country.

Conquer to get or gain by force of arms.

Govern to exercise authority over : [rule](#) <the queen *governed* wisely >.

Parliament is the legislature, or lawmaking group, in the government of the United Kingdom (Great Britain).

Reign the authority or rule of a monarch.

Roundheads a member or supporter of the Parliamentary party in the English Civil War.

Tax a charge usually of money set by authority on persons or property for public purposes.