

Key Vocabulary

assassination	The murder of someone important.
Commonwealth	A group of countries, including the UK, which have agreed to work together and have a joint set of values.
invade	To raid or enter another area as an enemy.
Magna Carta	A list of promises that would make England a safer and fairer place to live.
monarch	A person who rules over a place, usually a king or queen.
rebels	A group of people who disobey or fight against a government.
reign	To rule over a country as the monarch .
revolt	To join with others to fight against the government.

William the Conqueror – reigned 1066-1087

- William believed that when King Edward died, he would be named as the next King of England.
- Edward announced Harold Godwinson as the next King and William was not happy.
- William **invaded** England from France in order to defeat Harold in battle and become King.
- William used fear to control the people of England and ordered them to pay huge taxes.

**King John – reigned 1199-1216**

- King John charged the English people high taxes so he could afford more weapons and soldiers for battles.
- The people got so fed up with this that they began to **revolt**.
- The **rebels** took control of London and made King John approve **Magna Carta**.



King Henry VIII – reigned 1491-1547

While he was King, Henry wanted the next **monarch** to be male so that England would be in the strongest hands (he believed a daughter would not be clever enough to keep the peace). His first two wives gave birth to daughters and it wasn't until he married Jane Seymour that he finally got a son.



Catherine of Aragon
(divorced)



Anne Boleyn
(beheaded)



Jane Seymour
(died)



Anne of Cleves
(divorced)



Kathryn Howard
(beheaded)



Katherine Parr
(survived)



Queen Anne – reigned 1702-1714

- Some people questioned whether Queen Anne was healthy enough to run the country as she suffered from terrible illnesses.
- She was a strong and calm leader who joined Wales, Scotland and England together as Great Britain.



Queen Victoria – reigned 1837-1901

- Victoria survived seven **assassination** attempts. She had become unpopular for hiding away after her husband's death.
- During her **reign**, Britain became the most powerful country in the world.



Queen Elizabeth II

- Elizabeth became Queen in 1952 and has **reigned** for over 60 years.
- Titles include: British Sovereign, Head of The **Commonwealth**, Head of the Armed Forces and Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

