

## KS1 Knowledge Organisers The Two Monarchs - Why are the monarchs reign important to us?

Elizabeth I was intelligent, brave and loved by her people. She spoke many languages and sponsored playwrights like William Shakespeare. She never married and proved that a woman could rule a kingdom alone. She supported explorers and defeated the Spanish Armada.



Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years. She supported charities, new technologies and inventions and increased the size and power of the British Empire. She was married to Prince Albert and had nine children.



### Key Monarch

#### Queen Elizabeth I



### Key Monarch

#### Queen Victoria



### Vocabulary

monarch	A head of state such as a king, queen or emperor.
legacy	Something that a person leaves behind to be remembered by.
historical sources	Documents, artefacts, photographs etc. that are from or inform us about the past.
reign	To hold royal office; rules as a monarch.
coronation	A ceremony to crown the new king or queen.
movements	A significant change or development.
throne	A ceremonial chair for important people such as monarchs.
innovations	A new method or idea.
hierarchy	A system of ranking people according to their status.
royalty	People of royal blood or status.
Elizabethan	Relating to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I/ a person alive in this era
Victorian	Relating to the reign of Queen Victoria/ a person alive in this era



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## What is a monarchy?

A monarchy is a country that has a king or queen as head of state. The king or queen is known as the monarch.

## Monarchy in the United Kingdom

There have been over 60 monarchs since Alfred the Great in AD 871. The Queen, Elizabeth II, is the monarch today. She is the longest reigning British monarch.

## 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.

## Royal portraits

Royal portraits show a monarch in the way that they wish to be seen. The pose, objects, background, clothes and facial expression give messages to the viewer about the monarch's power and personality.

## Elizabeth I

Elizabeth I's direct stare and straight back show her strength and confidence. The orb, sceptre and crown show her authority. The Tudor roses on her dress show that she is a Tudor monarch.

