

Retrieval Vocabulary
monarch, monarchy,
government, reign,
empire

Key Unit Vocabulary

armed forces - a
country's army, navy,
and air force

coronation - the
ceremony of crowning
a king or queen

colonies - a country
or area under the
control of another
country

exploration -
exploring an unknown
area

fleet - a group of
ships

heir - a person who
inherits - in this case
the throne

independence - being
able to govern your
own country

inherit - to receive or
be left something by a
former owner

invade - to enter with
the intention of
taking over



Queen Elizabeth I

Queen Elizabeth II



Key Unit Facts:

- Elizabeth I, the daughter of Henry VIII, was crowned Queen at her coronation on January 15th 1559. At the time, it was unusual to be ruled by a woman and she never married. She didn't expect to be Queen. She was third in line to the throne, however her brother and sister died without having children.
- Queen Elizabeth's reign was called the Golden Age because during this time, England became wealthier and more important in the world.
- Elizabeth had enemies like King Philip of Spain. In 1588, he sent the Spanish Armada, a fleet of more than 100 ships, to invade England. Elizabeth stayed strong. Her ships attacked and the weather helped blow the Armada away from England.
- Elizabeth I died on March 24th 1603, after ruling for nearly 45 years.
- Between the two Elizabeths there were other monarchs: James I, Charles I, Charles II, James II, William III, Anne, George I, George II, George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI.
- Elizabeth II was crowned Queen at her coronation on June 2nd 1953.
- In 2013, Elizabeth introduced the Succession to the Crown Act which meant that boys no longer had priority over girls to be the heir to the throne. The only factor was who was born first.
- On the 9th September 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch. She celebrated her Platinum Jubilee for 70 years on the throne, in 2022, but died a few months later in September.

Year 2 Summer Unit: Two significant individuals from different time periods

Enquiry Question: What are the similarities and differences between Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II?

Historical Concept: similarities and differences, significance

Queen Elizabeth II at her coronation

