

Key Vocabulary:

Beheaded- to be killed by having your head chopped off.

Empire-a group of countries ruled over by a single power.

Magna Carta-a document that limited John I's reign.

Monarch- a king or queen.

Parliament-a group of elected (voted for) individuals who make the laws for a country.

Racism-treating or judging someone unfairly due to their race.

Reign-how long a king or queen rules a country for.

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King Charles III

King Charles III is our current monarch, replacing Queen Elizabeth who passed away in 2022. Charles is a 'figurehead monarch' - this means he has very little power and influence over the ruling of the country. His current responsibilities are being Head of the Commonwealth and approving Parliament's laws.



British Empire

The British Empire was a group of countries ruled by a single monarch for many centuries.

Britain expanded their empire by travelling to different countries and claiming the land as their own. It was a brutal and unfair thing for Britain to do and caused lots of racism and wars in history.

Britain wanted an empire so they could increase the size of their army, convert people to Christianity and import materials.

Charles I (1625-1649)

Charles I was a Stuart king in the 17th century. He is the only British monarch to have ever been executed when he was beheaded in 1649. There are a number of reasons why he was executed. He caused too many wars in England and he spent too much of England's money.



John I (1199-1216)

John I was King of England in the 12th and 13th centuries. He was not very popular as a king and he was forced to sign the Magna Carta in 1215.



Magna Carta

King John I was forced to sign the Magna Carta in 1215 for a number of reasons. He lost some of England's lands in France which was humiliating for a king. He also spent too much money and kept raising taxes which made him unpopular. The Magna Carta was a document that restricted John's reign and reduced his powers.

