

Westminster Abbey

Learning



K is for Kings and Queens

Who's who?

Below are images of some of the kings and queens buried in the Abbey. Can you work out who is who? Match the image to the name, and then the name to a fact about that monarch. The first one has been done for you.



Mary, Queen of Scots

Ruled for 45 years and her reign was known as 'The Golden Age'.



Elizabeth I

Their marriage unified the House of Lancaster and House of York after the Wars of the Roses.



Henry VII and Elizabeth of York

She became the Queen of her country when she was only 9 days old.



Eleanor of Castile

Nicknamed 'England's Warrior King'. Shakespeare wrote a famous play about him.



Henry III

Claimed to be the heir to the French throne as well and began a war with France known as 'The Hundred Years War'.



Henry V

Became King at 10 years old and supposedly fell asleep during his coronation.



Richard II

Responsible for ordering the rebuilding of Westminster Abbey in 1245.



Edward III

She had 16 children, the youngest of which became King Edward II.

Activity: Choose one of the kings or queens from the activity above and see if you can find out five more facts about them.

Get creative: Since 1066, when William the Conqueror became King, there have been 41 kings and queens. Who is your favourite king or queen? Can you find a portrait or drawing of them online? Have a go at drawing a portrait of your favourite king or queen.

Challenge: Can you find out the names of all 30 kings and queens who are buried at Westminster Abbey? Have a look at this page to help you: <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/about-the-abbey/history/royalty> Click on the filter 'Burial' when you search.

Performance: William Shakespeare wrote several plays about kings and queens. Do you have a favourite story about a king or a queen? See if you can create a play to tell the story.

Answers:

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"I love finding out new facts" said Livingstone the lion, "I make sure to share them with the whole pride. Have you shared your favourite facts with those around you?"

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