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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.



Elizabeth II

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 residences

Royal residences include palaces, castles and stately homes. Some of them are used for official royal business and some are used as holiday or private homes.



Buckingham Palace is in London, England. It is the Queen's main residence.



MEDIVAL BANQUET

People during the middle ages (1000 years ago) people ate very different things.

KEY VOCABULARY

government A group of people who control a country and make laws or important decisions.

head of state The public representative of a country, such as a president or monarch.

hierarchy The order of people or things from most important to least important.

monarch A king or queen who rules a kingdom.

parliament A group of people who make the laws for a country.

reign The period of time that a king or queen rules over a country.

sovereign A king or queen.