

## KS1 History Quiz - British Rulers (Questions)

*This quiz addresses the requirements of the National Curriculum KS1 History for children aged 5, 6 and 7 in years 1 and 2. Specifically this quiz is aimed at the section dealing with historical figures and understanding significant people from history.*

As KS1 children develop their understanding of historical data and find out about significant people in history, they learn about how our country has changed as a direct influence of the monarchs and rulers in charge of it. They may explore more about the lives and achievements of some historical rulers of notoriety, such as Henry VIII or Elizabeth I, and may also learn about other key rulers, such as William the Conqueror and how their rule affected the lives of ordinary people.

<p><b>1. Our current ruler, Queen Elizabeth II had her coronation on June 2, 1953. What was unusual about it?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nobody was invited to the ceremony</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Her dogs were made dukes and duchesses at the same time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> It was the first coronation to be televised</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Her crown fell off and rolled away</p>	<p><b>2. Henry VIII's reign came just after the War of the Roses, but he is more famous for something else. What is it?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> His skill at ballet dancing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> His love of dancing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> His beautiful hats</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> His six wives</p>
<p><b>3. Queen Victoria was our longest reigning monarch so far. How long was she Queen for?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100 years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 63 years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 16 years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 29 years</p>	<p><b>4. King Edward I founded something in politics which still exists today. What was it?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Prime Minister</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parliament</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arguments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voting</p>
<p><b>5. King George VI becoming King was a bit of a surprise. Why?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> His older brother gave up his throne to get married</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> He was the King's butler and was crowned by mistake</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> He forgot about the ceremony until the last minute</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nobody thought he could do it</p>	<p><b>6. England's first female monarch was called:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Queen Violet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Empress Matilda</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Princess Verruca</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duchess Sophie</p>
<p><b>7. William the Conqueror invaded England from Normandy. He defeated King Harold at a famous battle in 1066. What was it called?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Disagreement of Dundee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Argument of York</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Fight of Ipswich</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Battle of Hastings</p>	<p><b>8. King Richard I was very brave and earned himself a nickname. What was it?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eaglewing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lionheart</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jaguar mind</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Serpentspirit</p>
<p><b>9. At one point, England was a republic and had no King or Queen. How long did this last?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11 hours</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11 days</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11 months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11 years</p>	<p><b>10. A royal war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York was called...</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The War of the Roses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The War of the Daisies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The War of the Daffodils</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The War of the Violets</p>

## KS1 History Quiz - British Rulers (Answers)

**1. Our current ruler, Queen Elizabeth II had her coronation on June 2, 1953. What was unusual about it?**

- Nobody was invited to the ceremony
- Her dogs were made dukes and duchesses at the same time
- It was the first coronation to be televised
- Her crown fell off and rolled away

Queen Elizabeth II is the 40th monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England in 1066

**2. Henry VIII's reign came just after the War of the Roses, but he is more famous for something else. What is it?**

- His skill at ballet dancing
- His love of dancing
- His beautiful hats
- His six wives

Not all of Henry's wives survived being married to him!

**3. Queen Victoria was our longest reigning monarch so far. How long was she Queen for?**

- 100 years
- 63 years
- 16 years
- 29 years

Her reign was known as the Victorian era. Our current Queen may beat her record!

**4. King Edward I founded something in politics which still exists today. What was it?**

- A Prime Minister
- Parliament
- Arguments
- Voting

Edward formed the Model Parliament in 1295, bringing together the knights, clergy and nobility of the cities, bringing Lords and Commons together for the first time

**5. King George VI becoming King was a bit of a surprise. Why?**

- His older brother gave up his throne to get married
- He was the King's butler and was crowned by mistake
- He forgot about the ceremony until the last minute
- Nobody thought he could do it

His brother, King Edward VIII, abdicated to marry Mrs Wallis Simpson, as he was not able to marry a divorced woman and become King

**6. England's first female monarch was called:**

- Queen Violet
- Empress Matilda
- Princess Verruca
- Duchess Sophie

Empress Matilda was very bad tempered and nobody liked her very much

**7. William the Conqueror invaded England from Normandy. He defeated King Harold at a famous battle in 1066. What was it called?**

- The Disagreement of Dundee
- The Argument of York
- The Fight of Ipswich
- The Battle of Hastings

William created the Domesday Book, which was a record of everything and everyone in his kingdom

**8. King Richard I was very brave and earned himself a nickname. What was it?**

- Eaglewing
- Lionheart
- Jaguarwind
- Serpentspirit

Richard was in England for only ten months during his reign. He spent the rest of his time fighting in the Crusades

**9. At one point, England was a republic and had no King or Queen. How long did this last?**

- 11 hours
- 11 days
- 11 months
- 11 years

Oliver Cromwell was Protector of England at this time but did not want to become King

**10. A royal war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York was called...**

- The War of the Roses
- The War of the Daisies
- The War of the Daffodils
- The War of the Violets

The House of Lancaster had a red rose as its emblem, the House of York had a white one