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King William I, the Conqueror, ruled from 1066 - 1087. He invaded England from Normandy in France. He defeated King Harold at the Battle of Hastings.



King John I (1199 - 1216) was responsible for the Magna Carta (Great Charter) giving people greater justice.



King Richard III (1483 - 1485) is believed to have murdered his two nephews to make sure that he became king.



King Henry VIII (1509 - 1547) famously had six wives. He divorced two of them, beheaded two and two of them survived. He fell out with the pope and created the Church of England.



Queen Elizabeth I (1558 - 1603) was a popular Queen who fought off the Spanish Armada.



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The only time when there was no King or Queen in Britain was when the country was a republic between 1649 and 1660. In 1649 King Charles I was executed and Britain became a republic for eleven years.

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Queen Victoria (1837 - 1901) had the longest reign in British history. She married her cousin, Albert, and they had nine children.



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Queen Elizabeth II (1952 - present day) celebrated her Diamond Jubilee (60 years as Queen) in 2012.

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