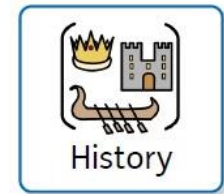




# Year 2

## What is a monarch?



Prior learning: How did we learn to fly?

### What we are learning

Lesson 1: To describe what a monarch is.	Lesson 2: To explain why coronations take place.	Lesson 3: To explain how William the Conqueror became King of England.	Lesson 4: To identify how William the Conqueror built castles while ruling England.	Lesson 5: To identify features of a castle that would be effective when defending against attacks.	Lesson 6: To suggest what a monarch was like in the past.
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### Key vocabulary

government	A group of people who control a country.	
Head of State	The official leader of a country.	
power	The ability to make important decisions.	
parliament	A group of people who make decisions in the House of Commons and the House of Lords.	
monarch	A king or queen.	
nobility	The highest social group under royalty, who were rich and had a title.	
ceremony	An important event.	
conquer	To take control of a country.	
coronation	A special religious ceremony where a new king or queen is crowned.	

**Absolute monarchy**

William the Conqueror, 1066

**Constitutional monarchy**

King Charles III, 2022.

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**Iron Age fort**

**Concentric castle**

**Fortified manor house**

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**Motte-and-bailey castle**

**Stone keep castle**

**Parts of a castle**