



Year 7 History theme: Development of Monarchy

The historical topics studied in Year 7 all link to an overarching theme of 'development of monarchy'.

We study various medieval monarchs and significant events that all impacted upon the nature of monarchy and the relationship between the monarch (the king/queen) and their subjects (people).

What makes a 'good' monarch?

What characteristics/qualities might we expect a 'good' monarch to have? Can you come up with a list?

Here is one to get you started- **courage and
bravery**



Some ideas...

Strategic and cunning

Young

Courage/bravery

Fair

Dedicated

Loyal

Have children

Wisdom

Friendly

Educated

Respected

Intelligent

Wealthy

Attractive

Popular



Who was the 'best' monarch?

Have a look at the 'top trumps' cards that provide you with information about various monarchs and aspects of their reign. The higher the number for each category, the better.

Why not print the cards out and have a game of 'top trumps' to help familiarise yourself with some of the monarchs we will be looking at in Year 7 (if you are not sure how to play, instructions are here: <http://www.toptrumps.com/how-to-play-top-trumps/>)

So, who was the 'best' monarch?

Based on the list of characteristics you created at the start and from your knowledge of the different monarchs from their 'top trumps' card, who do you think were the 'best' monarchs overall?

Can you pick a top 3 and explain what makes them the 'best' and why?

