

Queen Elizabeth II Dies at 96
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QUEEN ELIZABETH II, the United Kingdom's longest-serving MONARCH (royal head of state), died at Balmoral Castle in SCOTLAND on September 8, 2022. She was 96. Her historic 70-year reign spanned several wars, a pandemic, 15 British prime ministers, and 14 US Presidents! Her eldest son, PRINCE CHARLES, was sworn in as King of England on September 10, 2022.

Who are we discussing? Queen ELIZABETH

What word was used that means “the Royal head of state”? MONARCH

Where was Queen Elizabeth when she died? SCOTLAND/ BALMORAL CASTLE

How long did she reign as Queen? 70 YEARS

Her 70-year reign spanned many important world events. Name one of them. SEVERAL WARS, A PANDEMIC, 15 BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS, 14 US PRESIDENTS

Who was sworn in as the new King upon Queen Elizabeth’s death? PRINCE CHARLES

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Name another term for 'Great Britain' THE UNITED KINGDOM/ THE UK

Queen Elizabeth II was born in LONDON as Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary on April 21, 1926. She was the first child of later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The young princess was just 13 when World War II broke out on September 1, 1939. But her youth did not stop her from contributing to the British war efforts. On October 13, 1940 — a month after GERMANY's intense attack on the UK began — Elizabeth appeared on BBC's THE CHILDREN'S HOUR to comfort kids living away from home during the war. The future queen enlisted in the women's branch of the British military as SECOND LIEUTENANT in 1945. She served as a driver and MECHANIC and was later promoted to a Junior COMMANDER, the UK equivalent of a CAPTAIN in the US military

In what British city was the Queen born? LONDON

How old was she when World War 2 broke out? 13 YEARS OLD

What country launched an intense attack on the UK in Sept 1940?
GERMANY

Princess Elizabeth spoke on the BBC program The Children's Hour to _____ kids who were living away from home during the war.
COMFORT

What position did the future Queen hold in the British military in 1945?
SECOND LIEUTENANT

Name one of the jobs that she served in during the war. DRIVER/
MECHANIC

What is the American equivalent of a Junior Commander military position in Great Britain? CAPTAIN

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VAKT Listen to a clip of Queen Elizabeth's message.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-hrh-princess-elizabeth-broadcast/zh3d47h>



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In 1947, Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip MOUNTBATTEN, a former prince of GREECE and DENMARK, at Westminster Abbey in London. The couple had four children: Charles in 1948, Anne in 1950, Andrew in 1960, and Edward in 1964. The public life of her family was open to much SCRUTINY and analysis by the media. The royal family weathered several SCANDALS during Elizabeth's 70-year reign — drama that inevitably captured worldwide attention. Most notable among the scandals was Charles's divorce from his first wife Diana and her tragic death in an accident that occurred while PAPARAZZI were following her car. Paparazzi are photographers who follow famous people everywhere they go to take photographs of them.

Who did Elizabeth marry in 1947? PHILIP MOUNTBATTEN

Mountbatten was the prince of 2 countries. Name one of them. GREECE / DENMARK

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Name one of their children other than Prince Charles. ANNE, ANDREW, EDWARD

The family's public life was open to _____ from the media
SCRUTINY/ANALYSIS

What was Prince Charles' first wife's name? DIANA

What do they call photographers who follow famous people everywhere they go to photograph them? PAPARAZZI

Name a Royal family member that was involved in a more recent scandal. ANDREW/ HARRY/ MEGAN



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Over the course of her 70-year-reign, the British monarch visited 117 countries and hosted more than 100 international heads of state in the UK. Her historic visit to Germany in 1965 was the first by a British sovereign in 52 years. It symbolized the RECONCILIATION of the two nations after World War II. Other significant trips included her journey to New York City in 2010 to honor the victims of 9/11 and a trip to SOUTH AFRICA in 1995, coming as a gesture of support to its new government after the end of APARTHEID (a system of government that upheld segregationist policies against non-white citizens of South Africa) The Queen was hosted on that trip by new President, Nelson MANDELA.

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How many countries did the Queen visit? 117

What did her trip to Germany symbolize? RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO NATIONS AFTER WORLD WAR II

Name another significant place the Queen visited. South AFRICA/NEW YORK CITY

Who was the president of South Africa when the Queen visited there? NELSON MANDELA

What was the system of government that upheld segregationist policies against non-white citizens of South Africa? APARTHEID

The Queen also witnessed the DISSOLUTION of the British Empire in the decades following World War II. When Elizabeth came to the THRONE, Britain commanded over 70 overseas TERRITORIES (areas ruled by a separate state), including NIGERIA, Zimbabwe, and HONG KONG. At the time of her death, the monarch was recognized as the Head of State by just 15 COMMONWEALTH countries. (Countries that were formerly ruled by the British Monarchy.) These former British colonies include AUSTRALIA and CANADA, and SINGAPORE.

The Queen also witnessed the _____ of the British Empire in the decades following World War II. DISSOLUTION

Another way of saying “when she became Queen” is “When she came to the _____” THRONE.

In 1952, Great Britain commanded over 70 overseas _____ TERRITORIES

Name one of the territories Great Britain ruled over 70 years ago. NIGERIA/ ZIMBABWE / HONG KONG

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What do they call countries that were formerly ruled by the British Monarchy? COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Name one of the former British colonies that still recognize the monarch as the head of state. CANADA/SINGAPORE/AUSTRALIA



(Credit: Royal UK.)

In February 2022, the Queen made further history when she celebrated her PLATINUM JUBILEE, marking 70 years on the throne. The milestone made her the second-longest reigning monarch in world history. French King Louis XIV, who ruled for over 72 years, remains in the top spot. Queen Elizabeth's funeral will be held at Westminster Abbey on September 19, 2022. She will be laid to rest on the grounds of WINDSOR CASTLE, beside her husband, Prince Philip, her parents, and her sister Princess Margaret. The beloved monarch is survived by her four children, eight grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

What did they call the event that marked the Queen's 70 years on the throne? PLATINUM JUBILEE

Who was the longest reigning monarch? French King Louis XIV (14)

How long did King Louis the 14th rule? 72 YEARS

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The Queen's body will be laid to rest on the grounds of what famous structure. WINDSOR CASTLE

Who else's body is laid to rest there? PRINCE PHILLIP/ HER PARENTS/ PRINCESS MARGARET.

Do you think people in Great Britain should continue to recognize a King or Queen as the head of state? Why or why not?

The monarch is not allowed to vote for the Prime Minister in the UK. Why is this a good idea?



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VAKT: Point to Queen Elizabeth in the picture above.

Which famous Royal family member is missing in the picture above? (Hint: Harry looks very lonely.)

Creative Writing:

Imagine what the next Royal scandal will be and write about it as if you are reporting for a British newspaper.

The Queen's great-grandchildren, George, Charlotte, and Louis, are the

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youngest members of the Royal family in line for the throne. What do you think life will be like for them 50 years from now when one of them will likely be the monarch?

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