Project glossary

absolute power
Complete authority to make decisions.

AD
The years after Jesus Christ was born.

castle
A large, strong building with high walls and towers built in the past by a ruler to protect the people inside from attack.

century
A period of 100 years.

chronology
The order in which events happened.

decade
A period of 10 years.

empire
A group of countries that a ruler or government has control over.

feudal system
A hierarchy where people are put into different groups based on their class and roles.

future
A time that has not happened yet.

heir
The person who will inherit the throne on the monarch's death.

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hierarchy
The order of people or things from most important to least important.

invasion
When a foreign army enters a country by force.

kingdom
A country that a king or queen rules.

law
A rule that states how people may and may not behave in a society.

monarch
A king or queen who rules a kingdom.

monarchy
A type of country that has a king or queen as the head of state.

palace
A large house where a ruler, such as a king or queen, lives with their family.

parliament
A group of people who make laws for their country.

past
A period of time before the present.

period
A length of time.

portrait
A painting, drawing or photograph of a person, usually showing their head and shoulders.

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power
The amount of control a person, such as a ruler, has over things or people in a kingdom.

present
The time happening now.

reign
The period of time that a king or queen rules over a country.

religion
The belief in and worship of a god or gods.

royal
Connected to a king or queen.

rule
To control a country or empire.

ruler
A person who rules a country or empire.

serf
A peasant at the bottom of the feudal system.

sovereign
A king or queen.

timeline
A line of dates to show the order that events happened through time.

year
12 months, 365 days, or sometimes 366 days, from 1st January to 31st December.

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