

Britain Royal Families The Complete Genealogy

The Norman Conquest

The British royal family traces its origins back to the Norman Conquest of 1066. William, Duke of Normandy, invaded England and defeated the Anglo-Saxon king Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings. William was crowned king of England on Christmas Day, 1066, and his descendants have ruled England ever since.

The Norman Conquest had a profound impact on English society and culture. The Normans brought with them their own language, laws, and customs, which gradually replaced the Anglo-Saxon ones. The Norman Conquest also led to the establishment of a new feudal system, which gave the king and his barons control over much of the land and wealth in England.



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The Plantagenets

The Plantagenet dynasty ruled England from 1154 to 1485. The Plantagenets were descended from Geoffrey of Anjou, who married Matilda, the daughter of King Henry I of England. The Plantagenets were a powerful and ambitious dynasty, and they expanded the English empire to include much of France and Ireland.

The Plantagenet period was also a time of great social and economic change in England. The population grew rapidly, and the economy expanded. The Plantagenets also founded many new towns and cities, and they introduced new technologies and industries to England.

The Tudors

The Tudor dynasty ruled England from 1485 to 1603. The Tudors were descended from Owen Tudor, a Welsh nobleman who married Catherine of Valois, the widow of King Henry V of England. The Tudors were a strong and stable dynasty, and they oversaw a period of great prosperity and growth in England.

The Tudor period was also a time of religious change in England. The Tudors broke with the Catholic Church and established the Church of England. The Tudor period also saw the rise of the English navy, which became one of the most powerful navies in the world.

The Stuarts

The Stuart dynasty ruled England from 1603 to 1714. The Stuarts were descended from James VI of Scotland, who inherited the English throne after the death of Queen Elizabeth I. The Stuarts were a troubled dynasty, and their reign was marked by religious and political conflict.

The Stuart period was also a time of great intellectual and artistic achievement in England. The Stuarts were patrons of the arts, and they founded many new schools and universities. The Stuart period also saw the rise of English literature, with writers such as William Shakespeare, John Milton, and John Dryden.

The Hanoverians

The Hanoverian dynasty ruled England from 1714 to 1901. The Hanoverians were descended from Sophia, Electress of Hanover, who was the granddaughter of James VI of Scotland. The Hanoverians were a German dynasty, and they were not very popular with the English people.

The Hanoverian period was a time of great political and economic change in England. The Hanoverians introduced a new system of government, known as the cabinet system, which gave the prime minister more power than the king. The Hanoverian period also saw the rise of the British Empire, which became the largest empire in the world.

The Saxe-Coburg-Gotha

The Saxe-Coburg-Gotha dynasty ruled England from 1901 to 1917. The Saxe-Coburg-Gothas were descended from Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom, who married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The Saxe-Coburg-Gothas were a German dynasty, and they were not very popular with the English people.

The Saxe-Coburg-Gotha period was a time of great social and economic change in England. The Saxe-Coburg-Gothas introduced a number of new social reforms, such as the of old age pensions and unemployment

benefits. The Saxe-Coburg-Gotha period also saw the rise of the Labour Party, which became one of the two major political parties in England.

The Mountbatten-Windsors

The Mountbatten-Windsor dynasty has ruled England since 1917. The Mountbatten-Windsors are descended from George V, King of the United Kingdom, who married Mary of Teck. The Mountbatten-Windsors are a British dynasty, and they are very popular with the English people.

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The Future of the British Royal Family

The British royal family is still a very important part of British society and culture. The royal family represents the continuity of British history and tradition, and it is a symbol of national unity. The future of the British royal family is secure, and it is likely to continue to play a major role in British life for many years to come.

The British royal family has a long and complex history. The royal family has played a major role in British history, and its members have been some of the most powerful and influential people in the world. The royal family is still a very important part of British society and culture, and it is likely to continue to play a major role in British life for many years to come.

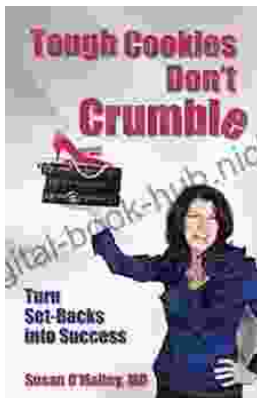


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