

**FOR ALL  
AGE GROUPS**



**GET LEARNING**



**20 MINUTES**



**PREPARATION  
NEEDED**

# THE QUEEN AND HER LIFE



## AIM

The Queen's life was long and remarkable and she was admired by people around the world. Spend some time looking at the life of the Queen, what she achieved and major milestones in her life.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- The Queen and Her Life Timeline Activity Sheets
- Did You Know: HM Queen Elizabeth II Facts Fact Sheet

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THEME: ME & MY WORLD



## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download and print the The Queen and Her Life Timeline activity cards and cut these into their individual cards.



**Download The Queen and Her Life Timeline and Did You Know: HM Queen Elizabeth II Facts**



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

### Did You Know: HM Queen Elizabeth II Facts

- 1 Start the activity by talking about the Queen and her life. We've provided a fact sheet which details some of the many impressive facts about the life of the Queen and the achievements that can be remembered and celebrated.
- 2 For each fact, share the fact and then ask the group to guess what number goes with that fact. Who can make the most accurate guess each time?

### The Queen and Her Life Timeline Activity

- 1 Work as one group or split into two or more smaller groups, if working with larger numbers. If doing this, each group will need a copy of the timeline activity cards.
- 2 Place the timeline activity cards (14 frames) in front of the group(s).
- 3 Children and young people should then look through the cards and explore the different milestones that are mentioned.
- 4 Order the cards into chronological order.
- 5 Let the group spend some time reflecting on the changing face of the Queen, how she developed from a child, to a wife, to a mother, to a queen and to a grandmother.
- 6 Depending on the ages of those taking part, leaders may wish to have further conversations around the life of the Queen. This could include:
  - What major events happened during the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Add these into the timeline (i.e. WW2, moon landing, London Olympics, Brexit, Covid-19 etc).
  - What major changes to our way of life have happened over the 70 years of the Queen's reign? (i.e. technology, communications, transport, fashion, inventions etc).
  - How remarkable is it that one person has always been there as an important part of our lives, despite so much change happening around us?



### KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Talking about the loss of the Queen may be upsetting for some children. Make sure to approach the topic sensitively and be prepared to respond should a child become upset. Some resources to support children, young people and leaders can be found at <https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

# DID YOU KNOW: HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II FACTS

The Queen reigned for **70 years and 214 days**. This made her the longest reigning monarch in British history and the second longest anywhere in the world.

The Queen became Queen when she was just **25 years old**.

The Queen had **two birthdays** each year. Her actual birthday was on 21<sup>st</sup> April and her 'Official Birthday' took place in June when the weather is better.

During her time on the throne, the Queen had **15 Prime Ministers**. Her first was Winston Churchill. The Queen held weekly audiences with her Prime Ministers.

The Queen visited **110 countries** in all corners of the world. It made her the most travelled King or Queen in British history.

Overall the Queen had **24 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren**. She had four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The Queen made **69 Christmas broadcasts**, her first in 1952. Her first TV broadcast was in 1957. She gave a Christmas broadcast every year except in 1969.

The Queen was **Patron to The Boys' Brigade for 70 years**. During that time thousands of young people earned The Queens' Badge, which is named after her.

During her lifetime, the Queen owned more than **30 corgis**. Her first corgi was given to her aged 18, by her father the King, and named her Susan. Since then many of her dogs have been descendants of her first dog Susan.

**The image of the Queen on our coins was updated five times** during her lifetime. The most current portrait of her was produced in 2015. Did you know that each King or Queen faces in the opposite direction to the one before? The Queen's father George VI faced left, so Elizabeth II faced right. It is expected that King Charles III will face left.

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**1926**  
**PRINCESS ELIZABETH WAS BORN IN LONDON**



**1947**  
**PRINCESS ELIZABETH MARRIED PRINCE PHILIP**



**1948**  
**PRINCESS ELIZABETH GAVE BIRTH TO PRINCE CHARLES**



**1952**  
**PRINCESS ELIZABETH BECAME QUEEN AFTER THE DEATH OF HER FATHER**

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**1953**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II WAS CORONATED IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY**



**1957**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II DELIVERED THE FIRST TV CHRISTMAS BROADCAST**



**1982**  
**PRINCE WILLIAM WAS BORN, BECOMING SECOND IN LINE TO BE KING AFTER HIS FATHER, CHARLES**



**2002**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II CELEBRATED HER GOLDEN JUBILEE (50 YEARS)**

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**2012**  
**THE QUEEN STARRED ALONGSIDE JAMES BOND AT THE OPENING OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES**



**2015**  
**THE QUEEN BECAME THE LONGEST REIGNING BRITISH MONARCH, OVERTAKING QUEEN VICTORIA**



**2021**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II CELEBRATED HER 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



**2022**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH II CELEBRATED HER PLATINUM JUBILEE (70 YEARS)**

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**2022**  
**THE QUEEN HAD TEA WITH PADDINGTON BEAR AT HER PLATINUM JUBILEE**



**2022**  
**THE QUEEN DIED AT BALMORAL, AFTER 70 YEARS ON THE THRONE**