

Knowledge organiser: The problems of medieval monarchs

The reigns and problems of medieval kings and queens, 1135–1485		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words	
		1135	Stephen became king, which led to civil war	Alliance	An agreement to fight on the same side
Summarise your learning		1173	Eleanor of Aquitaine rebelled against her husband, Henry II	Barons	Rich and powerful nobles
Topic 1: How did their reigns end?	Strong medieval kings tended to die of natural causes.	1216	King John was forced to accept the terms of Magna Carta	Civil war	A war between two sides within the same country
		1275	Edward I invited knights and burgesses to parliament	Concentric	A type of castle design that was symmetrical and had round towers
Topic 2: Matilda's opportunity	Matilda, the first woman to claim the throne of England, was usurped by her cousin Stephen, leading to civil war.	1295	Construction of Beaumaris Castle began	Conquest	The takeover of another country
		1314	The Battle of Bannockburn	Great Council	The most powerful barons and Church leaders who advised the king
Topic 3: Eleanor of Aquitaine	Eleanor of Aquitaine was a strong woman who successfully stood up to both her husbands.	Who or what were these people/events?		Heir	The next in line to inherit the throne
		'The Anarchy'	The period of civil war between Matilda and Stephen		
Topic 4: King John	John was an unpopular king and his barons forced him to sign Magna Carta.	Eleanor of Aquitaine	Wife of Henry II, she was mother of Richard I and King John	Independent	A country that rules itself and isn't controlled by another country
		Magna Carta	A document sealed in 1216 limiting the power of the king by law	Monarch	A king or queen
Topic 5: Edward I	Edward I dealt well with parliament and the Church and conquered Wales.	James of St George d'Esperanche	Castle architect of Edward I. He built the 'Iron Ring of Snowdonia'	Oath	A promise made using God's name
		Robert the Bruce	Became king of Scotland and defeated the English at Bannockburn	Parliament	Representatives of counties and towns who advised the king
Topic 6: Changing castles	Castle design and purpose changed due to changes in warfare and society.	Owain Glyndwr	Called himself Prince of Wales and led a rebellion against Henry IV	Succession	When a new monarch comes to power
Topic 7: Losing Scotland	Edward I conquered Scotland, but Robert the Bruce won independence.				

