

# Project glossary

## **absolute power**

Complete authority to make decisions.

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## **AD**

The years after Jesus Christ was born.

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## **castle**

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

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## **century**

A period of 100 years.

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## **chronology**

The order in which events happened.

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## **decade**

A period of 10 years.

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## **empire**

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

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## **feudal system**

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

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## **future**

A time that has not happened yet.

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## **heir**

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



**hierarchy**

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

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**invasion**

When a foreign army enters a country by force.

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**kingdom**

A country that a king or queen rules.

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**law**

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

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**monarch**

A king or queen who rules a kingdom.

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**monarchy**

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

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**palace**

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

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**parliament**

A group of people who make laws for their country.

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**past**

A period of time before the present.

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**period**

A length of time.

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**portrait**

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



**power**

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

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**present**

The time happening now.

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**reign**

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

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**religion**

The belief in and worship of a god or gods.

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**royal**

Connected to a king or queen.

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**rule**

To control a country or empire.

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**ruler**

A person who rules a country or empire.

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**serf**

A peasant at the bottom of the feudal system.

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**sovereign**

A king or queen.

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**timeline**

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

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**year**

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

