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in the news?**



**Let's have a look at the poster**

**Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022**



# Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

## Let's look at the story



The Queen has died peacefully, aged 96, marking an end to her historic reign. Buckingham Palace today confirmed the news. Her Majesty Elizabeth II is the longest serving monarch in British history.

Her son, now King Charles III, said the death of his beloved mother was a "moment of great sadness" for him and his family and that her loss would be "deeply felt" around the world.



Learn more about this story [here](#).

Watch the useful video [here](#).





Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

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👑 Elizabeth was born in London on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1926 and as a young girl, a lot of her childhood was spent during WW2. In 1940, she gave her first speech on the radio at the age of just 14, sending her best wishes to children who had been evacuated to keep them safe from the war.

👑 Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 25. During her reign, she has seen huge changes in Britain, from wars and pandemics to overseeing 15 different prime ministers!

👑 Queen Elizabeth II ruled Britain for longer than any other King or Queen in history, spending over 70 years on the throne.

👑 It's thought by many, Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a Queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned - to serve her people and her country.

**I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.**

**Queen Elizabeth II**, April, 1947 on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (5 years before becoming Queen).



**Pictured above:** Four photos of Queen Elizabeth II, from childhood, to her coronation and celebrating 70 years as Queen





## Main question

# Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- > Look at the poster image and talk about the recent news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Share any knowledge you have about her and awareness of her role and time as Queen.
- > Read through the news story. Talk about how her family must be feeling, especially her son Charles, who has now become king.
- > Look at the information found on the resource and watch the useful video, which provides an overview of the life of Queen Elizabeth II.
- > Read the Queen's quote taken from the resource, spoken prior to becoming Queen, "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." What do you think she means by this and do you think it is something she stood by?
- > During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Queen encouraged people to keep going and offered them her support. During a TV broadcast, she said, "We should take comfort that while we may still have more to endure, better days will return." Her message of hope to the nation was watched by millions of people. Do you think offering 'hope' was a key part of her role?

## Useful Weblinks

- > News story:  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61585886>
- > Useful video:  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch\\_newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround)

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