King Henry VIII

Find this portrait
Who is this King of England?
He was King of England from 1509 to 1547
He had six wives
He had three children
This is a portrait of King Henry VIII by Hans Holbein the Younger

Find a second portrait of Henry VIII by Hans Holbein the Younger
It is a very large portrait

Look at the portrait and answer the questions
What is Henry VIII wearing? Does he look rich or poor?
How is Henry VIII standing? Where are his hands? Is this a strong pose or a weak pose?
What was his personality? Find the clues in the portrait.
He is not wearing a crown. How do we know he is king?
This portrait is a called a cartoon. It has not been coloured in.
What colours would the artist have used?
King Henry VIII

Look at the Tudor portraits in the Gallery and make a list of the colours used here

Henry VIII had three children. All three children were kings or queens of England

✓ Tick when you have found a portrait of each of his children

☐ King Edward VI  ☐ Queen Mary I  ☐ Queen Elizabeth I

Henry VIII had six wives: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr

Talk to your partners
Why did he have six wives?
Do you know what happened to them?
Can you find portraits of them?

When you have finished, think about portraits of rulers from other countries

Talk to your partners
Look at portraits, banknotes, coins and photographs.
What do the portraits look like?
Do they look friendly?
How do they make themselves look strong and powerful?
King Henry VIII

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Queen Elizabeth II

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Answer these questions and talk to your partners

How are the portraits the same?

How are the portraits different?

Compare the clothes, expressions and poses in the portraits.

You can see portraits of Queen Elizabeth II in many places.

Can you think of more examples? Write them here.

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King Edward VI

Find this portrait
Who is he?
Who was his father?
When was he King of England?
How old was he when he died?

Answer these questions
Is Edward young or old?

What is Edward wearing?

What is Edward standing in front of?

What is Edward standing on?

Describe the colours and shapes in the carpet
King Edward VI

Label the portrait

Edward VI was only nine years old when he became king.

Look at the portrait and talk to your partners

Make a list of things that tell us he was rich and powerful

Throne
Hat
Cloak
Carpet
Dagger
Feather

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King Edward VI

**Talk to your partners**
How would you feel if you were made king or queen at the same age as Edward?
Would you rule the country on your own?
Would you ask someone to help you? Who?

**When you have finished, find other portraits of Edward VI in the Gallery**

**Talk to your partners**
Find a portrait of a man who is standing in the same way as Edward.
Who is he?
How is he related to Edward?
Why is Edward copying his pose?
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Queen Elizabeth I – Coronation Portrait

What is this?

Who wears a crown?

Find a portrait of a woman wearing a crown

Answer the questions

Who is the woman?

Is the woman young or old?

Describe what she is wearing. What colours and patterns can you see?

Are the clothes for a special event?

What is the event?
Queen Elizabeth I – Coronation Portrait

Label the portrait

When you have finished, look for other pictures of Queen Elizabeth I.

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Does she look older or younger in the other pictures?
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Queen Elizabeth I – Ditchley Portrait

Find this portrait
Look at the portrait carefully
What is she wearing? What is she holding in her hands?

List five things you can see
1
2
3
4
5

Talk to your partners
Who is she?
How many different types of jewels can you find?
Why is she wearing so many jewels?

What is the weather like?

Is Elizabeth looking towards the stormy weather or the sunny weather?

What is Elizabeth standing on?
Queen Elizabeth I – Ditchley Portrait

Answer the questions

Is the queen old or young in the portrait?

Is the queen smiling in the portrait? Why not?

Can you make a link between the objects in her hand and the weather?

How do we know she is Queen of England?

When you have finished, look for other portraits of Queen Elizabeth I

Talk to your partners

Does she look older or younger in the other portraits?
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