

Rulers of England In Order:

Ruler:	Ruled:	Notes:
House of Wessex		
Egbert	802-39	
Aethelwulf	839-55	
Aethelbald	855-60	
Aethelbert	860-66	
Aethelred	866-71	
Alfred the Great	871-99	Built first navy; united SW England
Edward the Elder	899-925	
Athelstan	925-40	
Edmund the Magnificent	940-6	
Eadred	946-55	
Eadwig (Edwy) All-Fair	955-59	
Edgar the Peaceable	959-75	
Edward the Martyr	975-78	Killed by Vikings.
Aethelred the Unready	978-1016	Bad king: paid Dane-geld to Vikings.
Edmund Ironside	1016	
Danish Line		
Svein Forkbeard	1014	
Canute the Great	1016-35	
Harald Harefoot	1035-40	
Hardicanute	1040-42	
House of Wessex, Restored		
Edward the Confessor	1042-66	Sainted for his piety
Harold II	1066	Couldn't fight off Vikings <u>and</u> William the Bastard, below
Norman Line		
William I the Conqueror	1066-87	aka Duke William the Bastard
William II Rufus	1087-1100	murdered in "hunting accident"
Henry I Beauclerc	1100-1135	
Stephen	1135-1154	
Empress Matilda	1141	Scandalous queen.
Plantagenet, Angevin Line		
Henry II Curtmantle	1154-89	Married Elanor of Aquitaine
Richard I the Lionheart	1189-99	Spent most of time crusading.
John Lackland	1199-1216	Lost most of French holdings
Henry III	1216-72	
Edward I Longshanks	1272-1307	Campaigned in Wales, Scotland
Edward II	1307-27	Killed as a homosexual in a coup
Edward III	1327-1377	Warlike and expansionistic.
Richard II	1377-1399	Weak-willed "poet-king."
Plantagent, House of Lancaster		
Henry IV (Henry Bolingbroke)	1399-1413	Usurped throne
Henry V ("Prince Hal")	1413-1422	England's golden boy.
Henry VI	1422-61, 1470-71	Suffered from insanity

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Plantagenet, Yorkist Line		
Edward IV	1461-70, 1471-83	
Edward V	1483	Too short-lived to rule.
Richard III (Richard Plantagenet)	1483-1485	Known as "Richard Crookback."
House of Tudor		
Henry VII (Henry Tudor)	1485-1509	Ended War of the Roses
Henry VIII	1509-1547	Broke with Catholic church
Edward VI	1547-1553	
Lady Jane Grey	1553	"Ruled" nine days. Executed.
Mary Tudor ("Bloody Mary")	1553-1558	Catholic Queen allied to Spain
Queen Elizabeth I	1558-1603	Shakespeare's early queen.
House of Stuart		
James I (King James VI of Scotland)	1603-1625	Shakespeare's late king.
Charles I	1625-1642	Executed 1649 after civil war.
The Commonwealth		
Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector	1642-1649	Dictator rather than king
Richard Cromwell	1658-59	
House of Stuart, Restored		
Charles II	1660-1685	
James II	1685-1688	died 1701
Mary II	1688-1694	
William III + Mary II	1689-1702	House of Orange and Stuart
Anne	1702-14	
Hanover Line (House of Brunswick)		
George I	1714-27	
George II	1727-60	
George III	1760-1820	Lost the American colonies
George IV	1820-30	
William IV	1830-37	
Victoria	1837-1901	"We are not amused."
House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha		
Edward VII	1901-10	
House of Windsor		
George V	1910-36	Name-change avoids Germanic
Edward VIII	1936	
George VI	1936-52	
Elizabeth II	1952-present	Longest female reign since Queen Elizabeth I.