

ALBUM TEACHING CONTINUITY AND CHANGE WITH THE BRITISH ROYALS

Album Description



What's going on?

- The British royal family has been in the headlines on both sides of the Atlantic since the death of Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, on September 8.

- Just yesterday, Buckingham Palace set the date for the coronation of the new king, Charles III, for May 6, 2023—the first such celebration in 70 years.

Why teach it?

- Moments of transition like this one are incredible opportunities to teach historical context because of the ways they echo back through history.
- Even though the death of one monarch and the coronation of a new one are unprecedented occurrences in most of our lives—ones that feel specific to our time and place—a quick look back in the archives reminds us that **this has happened many times before.**

Why does it matter?

- Looking at those past occurrences, the ones that rhyme with the present moment but are born of entirely different contexts, **teaches students to see both continuity and change in history.**

Where are the sources?

- The Library of Congress has a project called Chronicling America that offers **digitized newspapers going all the way back to 1777.**
- To find the sources below, I searched for headlines about the deaths (or abdications) of monarchs by name, going back to the founding of the United States: Elizabeth II, George VI, Edward VIII, George V, Edward VII, Victoria, William IV, George IV, George III.

How should I teach these sources?

- You've got a lot of good options, and it depends on what skills you'd like to emphasize and for which students.
- Maybe some students need work comparing and contrasting. Try giving those students two sets of front pages and a Venn Diagram to look for similarities and differences between the two royal transitions.
- Other students might need work contextualizing historical events into a broader history. For those students, try giving them several sources and have them build a timeline, filling in other major historical events that you've studied previously.

What are the sources?

- Landler, M. (2022, September 9). QUEEN AND SPIRIT OF BRITAIN: Elizabeth II, Whose 7-Decade Reign Linked Generations, Dies at 96. *The New York Times*.
<https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todayspaper/2022/09/09/todays-new-york-times>
- Death of King George Shocks World. (1952, February 6). *The Daily Record*.
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88063132/1952-02-06/ed-1/seq-1/>
- KING ABDICATES: Duke of York New Ruler. (1936, December 10). *The Waterbury Democrat*.
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014085/1936-12-10/ed-1/seq-1/>
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<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87062014/1936-01-20/ed-1/seq-1/>

- King Edward Sinks to Final Sleep Without Again Being Conscious. (1910, May 7). *Rock Island Argus*. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn92053934/1910-05-07/ed-1/seq-1/>
- Queen Victoria Dead. (1901, January 26). *Passaic City Record*, 6. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85035722/1901-01-26/ed-1/seq-6/>
- Editorial Summary. (1837, August 2). *Vermont Telegraph*, 179. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83025661/1837-08-02/ed-1/seq-3/>
- **Note:** I struggled to find American newspapers that directly reported on the death of George III in January of 1820. I found references to his death later, however. Sometimes gaps in the historical record can be teaching opportunities as well.

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ELIZABETH II

GEORGE VI



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Newspaper: The daily record. [volume] (Dunn, N.C.) 1950-1978

Newspaper Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88063132/1952-02-06/ed-1/seq-1>

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EDWARD VIII



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Newspaper: The Waterbury Democrat. [volume] (Waterbury, Conn.) 1917-1946

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GEORGE V



Reference Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87062014/1936-01-20/ed-1/seq-1>

Newspaper: The Nome daily nugget. [volume] (Nome, Alaska) 1934-1938

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EDWARD VII



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Newspaper: Rock Island Argus. (Rock Island, Ill.) 1893-1920

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VICTORIA



Reference Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85035722/1901-01-26/ed-1/seq-6>

Newspaper: Passaic City record. [volume] (Passaic City, N.J.) 1890-1907

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WILLIAM IV



Reference Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83025661/1837-08-02/ed-1/seq-3>

Newspaper: Vermont telegraph. [volume] (Brandon [Vt.]) 1828-1843

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