

Extended Project Presentation

DOES THE UK STILL NEED A MONARCHY?

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Does the UK still need a monarchy?



- **Reasons for choosing topic**
- **Research conducted**
- **Findings**
- **Conclusions**
- **Evaluation**

Reasons for choosing the topic



- **Politics and Economics A levels**
- **Future study**
- **Personal interest**

Research

- **Primary:**

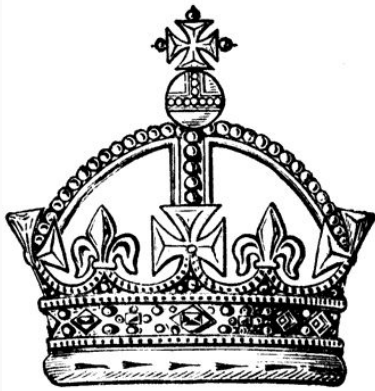
Personal talks to experts in Politics and History

**Dr B Holt
A Stekelis**

- **Secondary:**

**15 internet sources
5 books**

Findings



- **History of monarchy in the UK**
- **Current situation**
- **Opinions and attitudes**
- **The positives**
- **The negatives**

History of monarchy in the UK



- In 1603, Scottish and English monarchies became one united
- Absolute monarchy – before the King Charles I
- English Civil War in 1642
- Constitutional monarchy since 1707

Current situation



- **Head of State**
- **Chief Commander of Armed Forces**
- **“Above Politics”**
- **Not the Head of Government**

Constitutional functions

- **Dissolve Parliament**
- **Signing treaties and statutes of law**
- **Declaring a war or piece**
- **Appointing Prime Minister, civil servants, judges, military officers**

Non- constitutional functions

- **The symbol of the nation**
- **History, traditions, mentality and aristocratism**

Opinions and attitudes

“Monarchy is a British tradition.”



“ This system of a monarchy is too old fashioned.”

“I like the Queen and her benefit work”

“ Too expensive for the British taxpayers.”

Positives +

- **Strong element of stability in politics**
- **A good influence on Prime Ministers**
- **An encourage for a good work of the commonwealth**
- **Representation of British culture**
- **Happiness for the British nation**



Negatives -

- Not elected Head of State
- Class division – Royal Family
- 2011 annual cost was £7,9m – taxpayers' money



Conclusions

POSITIVES > *NEGATIVES*



- A help to the Prime Minister
- Historic Knowledge – 14 PMs
- The symbol of the nation

Evaluation

- **Reliable results and conclusions**
- **Research conducted needs more time**
- **Good at finding relevant information**
- **Time management would have gone better**
- **Most effective part : interviews with experts**
- **Evaluation went well**