



ENGLAND'S SHORTEST REIGNING MONARCHS

Throughout history, there have been many Kings and Queens of England - however not all of them spent much time on the throne.

Now you have completed your research, take a look at ours! Let's see if we found out the same thing!



THINGS WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Throughout your research, we are looking for certain facts about each Monarch:

- Full Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Date of Death
 - Age at Death
 - Length of Reign
 - Successor
 - 3 Facts About Each Monarch
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1. LADY JANE GREY

Full Name: Lady Jane Dudley

Date of Birth: 1536 or 1537

Date of Death: 12 February 1554

Age at Death: 16 or 17

Length of Reign: 9 days

Successor: Mary I



1. LADY JANE GREY

3 Facts:

1. Lady Jane had her own tutor and she preferred books instead of the other popular activities of the time
2. Lady Jane was convicted of high treason and sentenced to death
3. Lady Jane was the great-granddaughter of Henry VII



2. SWEYN FORKBEARD

Full Name: Sweyn Forkbeard

Date of Birth: 960

Date of Death: 3 February 1014

Age at Death: 54

Length of Reign: 40 days

Successor: Aethelred II



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2. SWEYN FORKBEARD

3 Facts:

1. His father was the first Viking King of England
2. His reign only lasted a few weeks because he died suddenly
3. No one knows how he died, and there are several versions of his death



3. EDGAR II

Full Name: Edgar Aetheling

Date of Birth: 1051

Date of Death: 1126

Age at Death: 75

Length of Reign: 63 days

Successor: William the Conqueror



3. EDGAR II

3 Facts:

1. He was a claimant to the throne of England in 1066 after Edward the Confessor died
2. He was born in Hungary because his father was in exile there
3. He never had a coronation and therefore was never crowned



4. EDWARD V

Full Name: Edward

Date of Birth: 2 November 1470

Date of Death: presumed 1483

Age at Death: presumed aged 12

Length of Reign: 78 days

Successor: Richard III

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3. Soon afterwards, the Prince disappeared, and it is possible that he was murdered in August 1483



5. EMPRESS MATILDA

Full Name: also known as Empress Maude

Date of Birth: 7 February 1102

Date of Death: 10 September 1167

Age at Death: 65

Length of Reign: 208 days

Successor: Stephen of Blois



5. EMPRESS MATILDA

3 Facts:

1. She was called "Empress" because as a child she was married to Henry V, Holy Roman Emperor
2. She was made heir to the English throne after her brother, William Adelin, died in the wreck of the White Ship in 1120
3. Her tomb's epitaph included the lines "Great by birth, greater by marriage, greatest in her offspring; here lies Matilda, the daughter, wife and mother of Henry



6. EDMUND II

Full Name: Edmund Ironside

Date of Birth: 990

Date of Death: 30 November 1016

Age at Death: 26

Length of Reign: 221 days

Successor: Cnut the Great



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3 Facts:

1. By June 1014, his elder brothers died, making him heir apparent
2. Edmund fought 5 battles against the Danes, ending his defeat on 18 October at the Battle of Assandun
3. Edmund died in November, leaving 2 sons, Edward and Edmund; however, Cnut became the King of all England, and exiled the remaining members of Edmund's family



7. HAROLD II

Full Name: Harold Godwinson
Date of Birth: 1022
Date of Death: 14 October 1066
Age at Death: 44
Length of Reign: 282 days
Successor: Edgar Aetheling
(uncrowned) other William the
Conqueror



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7. HAROLD II

3 Facts:

1. He died in the Battle of Hastings
2. His death marked the end of the Anglo-Saxon rule over England
3. In 1064, Harold was apparently shipwrecked in Ponthieu