



History

Kings and Queens

Family Trees



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A Monarch's Family



Why is having a family and children so important to a king or queen?
What would happen if they did not have any children?



George III, Queen Charlotte and their six eldest children.



Henry VII with his children. (His jester is in the background!)

In the United Kingdom, the tradition is that the **eldest son** of the king and queen becomes the next king (unless there are no sons and then the eldest daughter becomes queen).

Can you tell which child in each painting is to become the next monarch?

Queen Victoria's Family



Queen Victoria's Reign: 1837 - 1901

1800

Queen Victoria was born in 1819

1900

She died in 1901

2000

- Queen Victoria was Queen of the United Kingdom from 1837 until her death in 1901. She became Queen when she was just 18 years old.
- Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (an area of Germany) in 1840.
- They had nine children together.
- Prince Albert died of an illness in 1861. Victoria was so sad that she spent the rest of her life wearing black, a sign of mourning.
- Victoria's reign of 63 years and 7 months is the second longest of any British monarch.



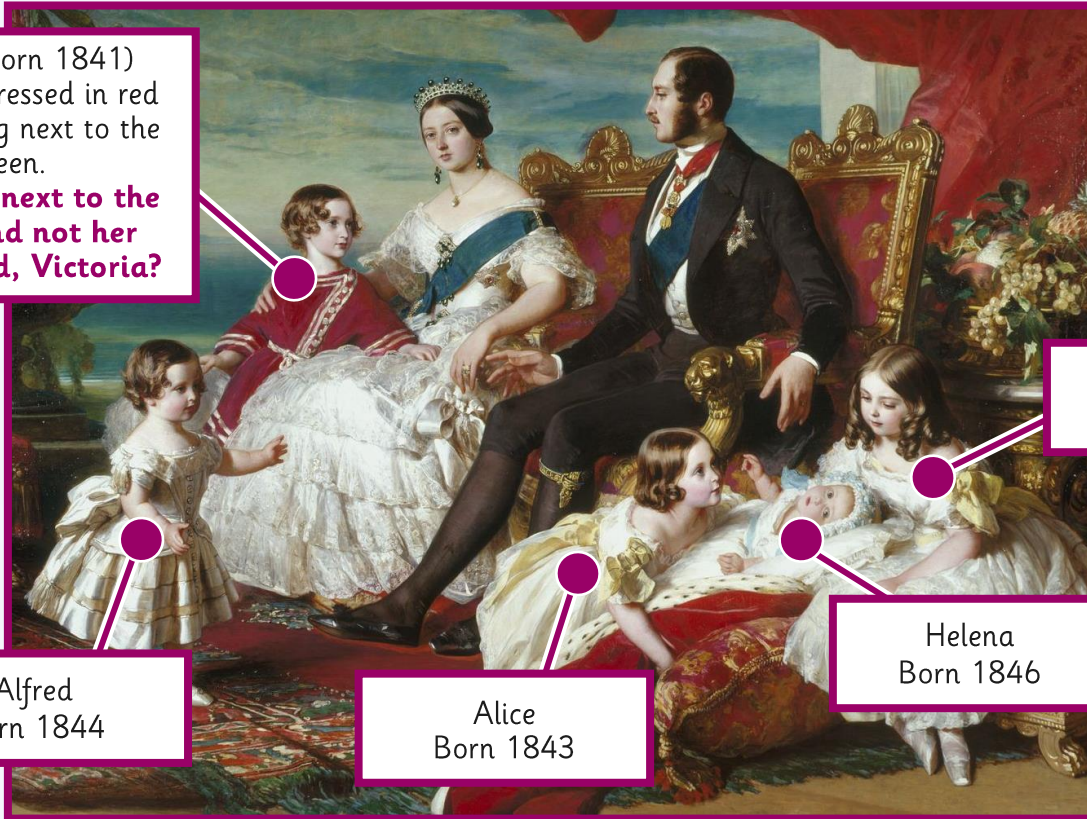
Queen Victoria's Family



This painting shows Queen Victoria with Prince Albert, her husband, and their first five children.

Edward (born 1841)
Edward is dressed in red and standing next to the Queen.

Why is he next to the Queen and not her oldest child, Victoria?



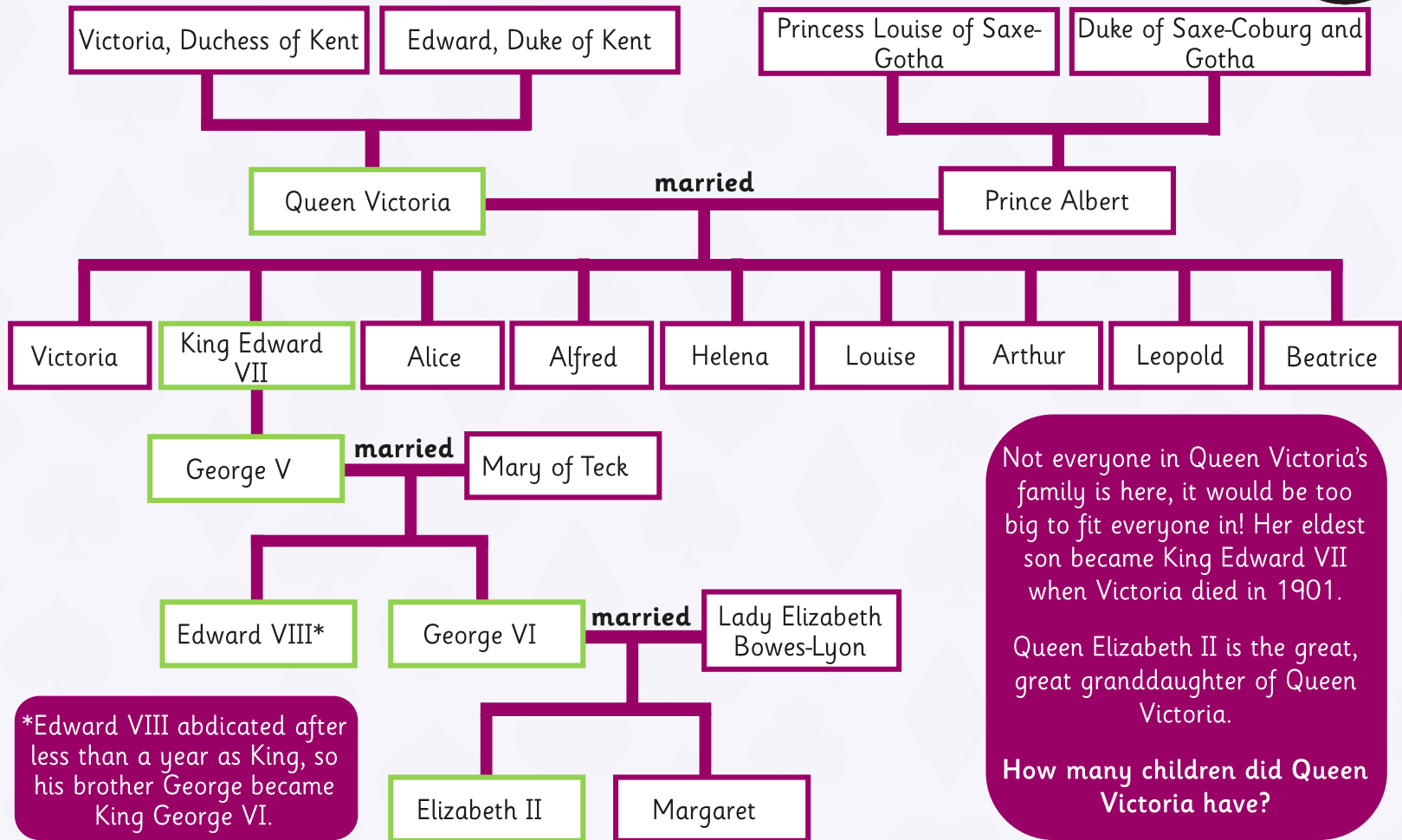
Victoria
Born 1840

Helena
Born 1846

Alice
Born 1843

Alfred
Born 1844

Queen Victoria's Family



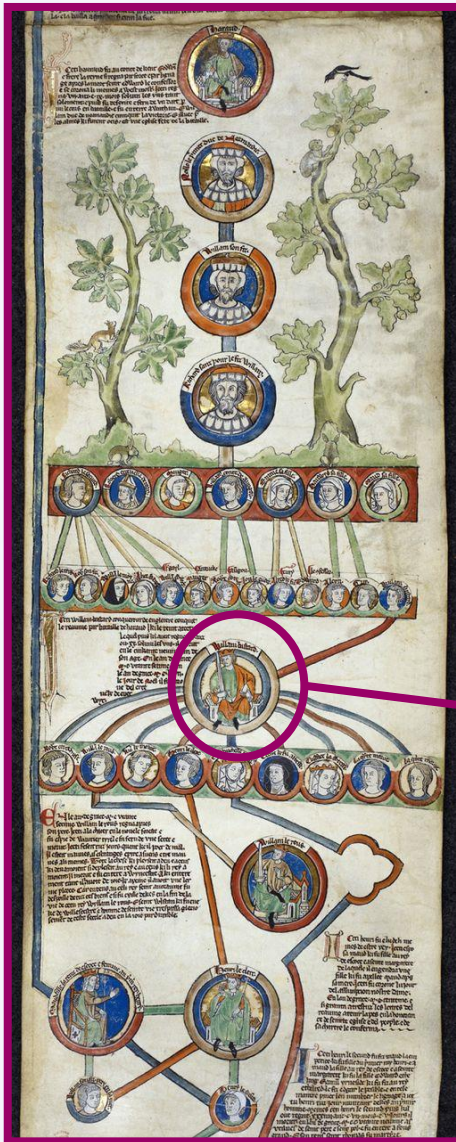


The Family Tree

As the family is so important to a monarch, people have created drawings of the king or queen's family tree for hundreds of years. Here is an example of the family tree of William the Conqueror, who was King from 1066 until 1087.

How is this similar to Queen Victoria's family tree?

Clue: Look closely at the tree from William the Conqueror!



The family tree of William the Conqueror.



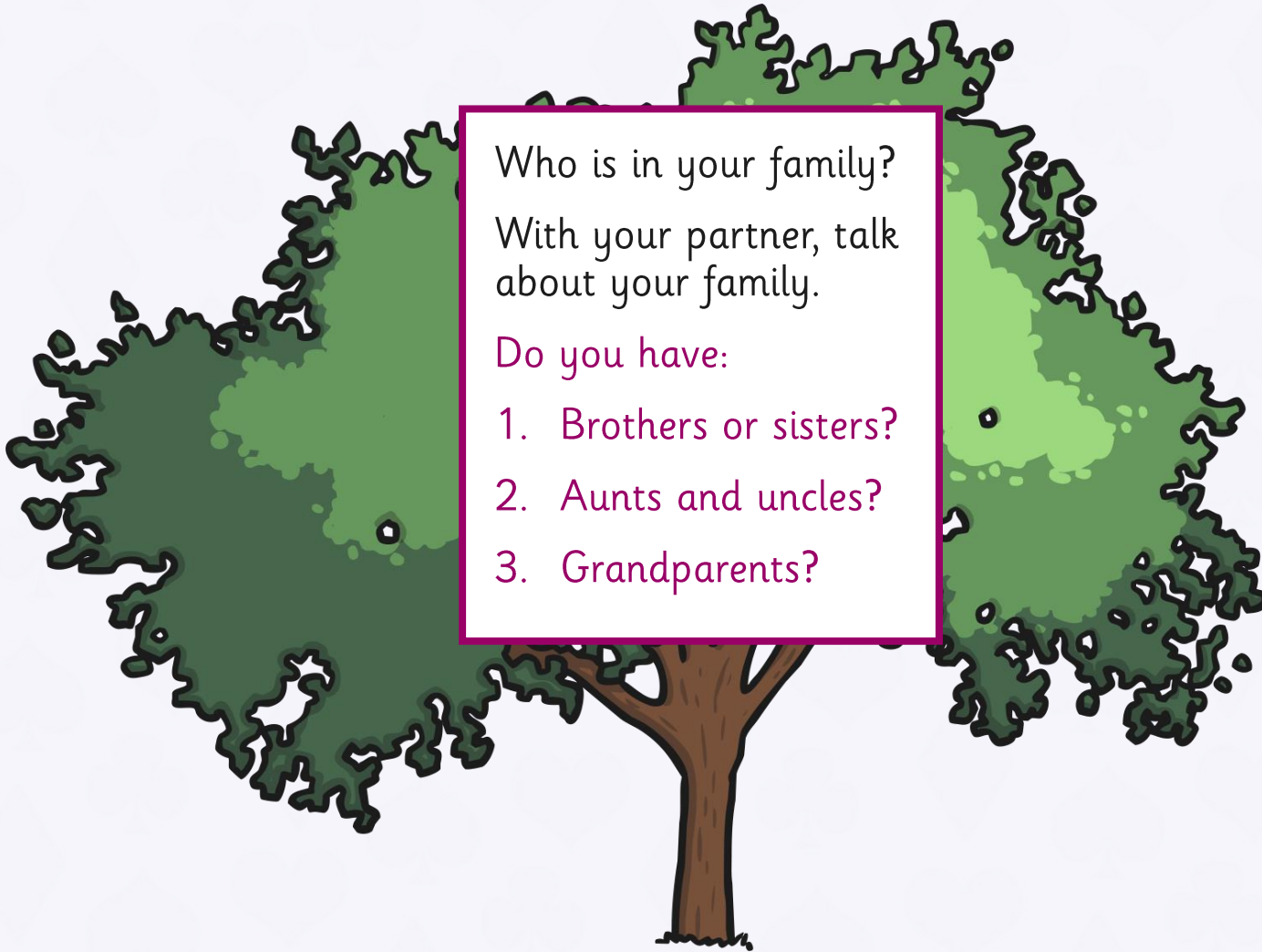
My Family History



Who is in your family?
With your partner, talk
about your family.

Do you have:

1. Brothers or sisters?
2. Aunts and uncles?
3. Grandparents?

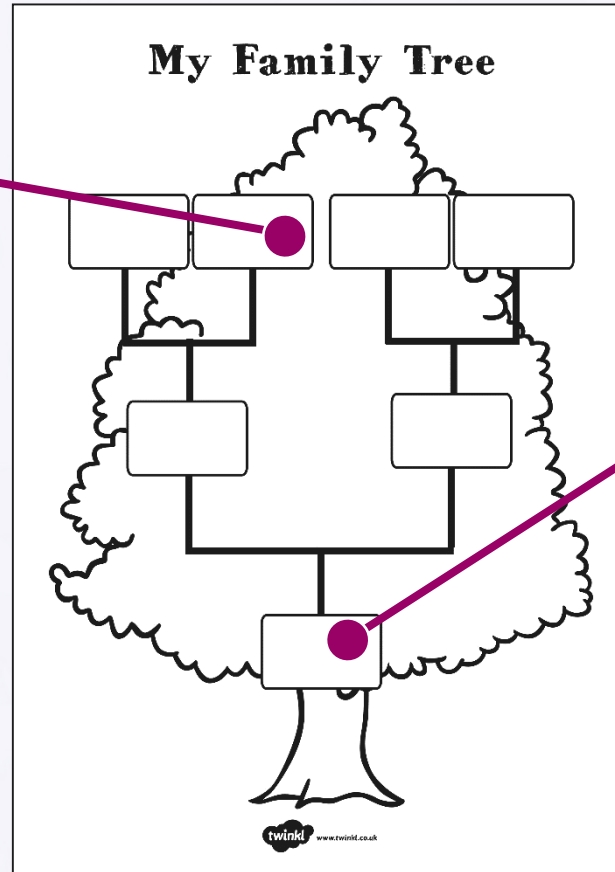


My Family Tree



How can you put this information into a family tree?

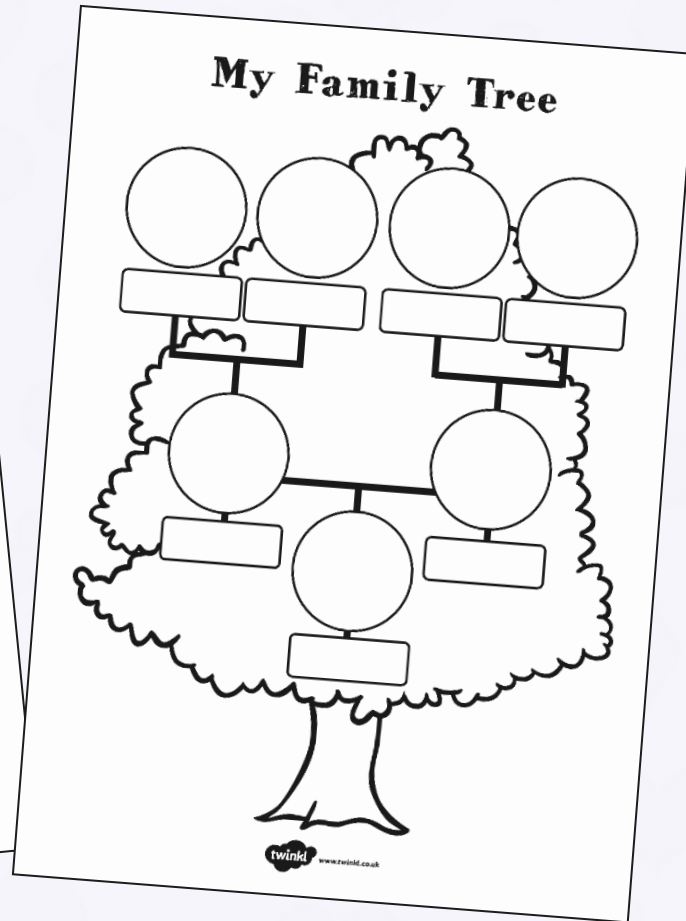
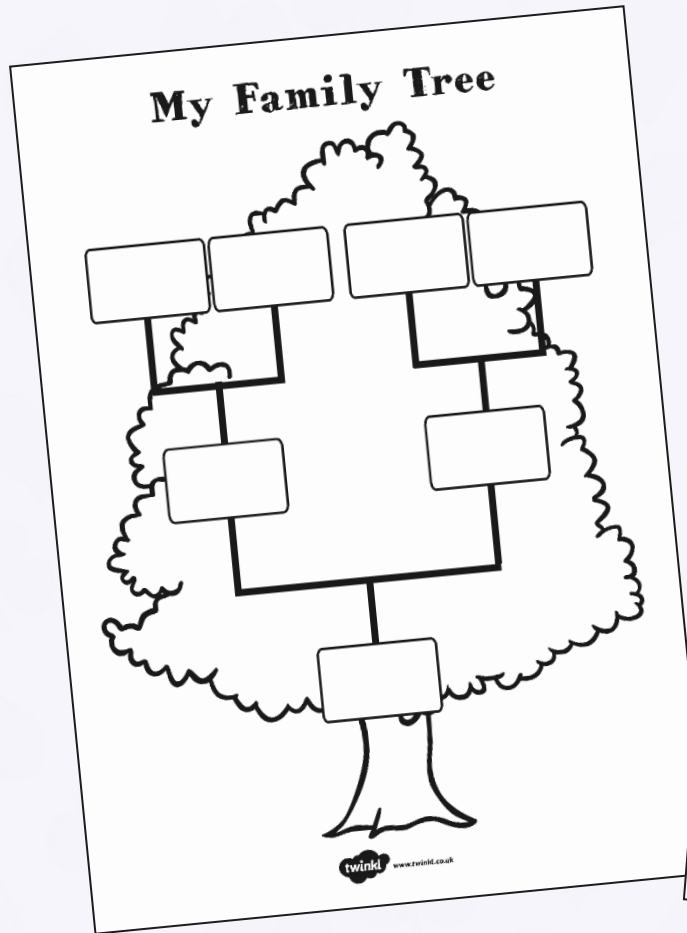
The oldest family member goes at the top of the tree.



The youngest family member (this is you!) should be at the bottom of the tree.

Remember: all families are different, it would be boring if every family was the same!

Share Your Family Trees



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