



Summary

James I was Elizabeth’s third cousin, son of Mary Queen of Scots. He was already King of Scotland and became King of England too when Elizabeth died in 1603. James was clever and had been a successful King in Scotland but made both Puritans and Catholics unhappy with religion in England. This led to some Puritans leaving England to live in America and a group of Catholics plotting to kill James by blowing up the Houses of Parliament. During James I reign many people were accused and killed for Witchcraft, and James wrote a book about witches! James was determined to unite England and Scotland and during his reign the first Union Flag was designed.



Key Figures

James I	King of Scotland and England 1603- 1625.
Guy Fawkes	Catholic man found with barrels of gunpowder near the houses of Parliament.
Robert Cecil	The kings minister and advisor
Matthew Hopkins	The witch finder General
Squanto	Native American tribesman who helped to save the pilgrims from starvation in the new settlement in America.

Other Resources

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9crd2p/resources/1
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Key Vocabulary

Union Flag	First flag to show the united countries of England and Scotland under James I
King James bible	English translation of the bible used for the next 300 years
Catholics	Christians led by the Pope in Rome who disliked James as a Protestant King.
Puritans	Extreme Protestants who want to live a very simple life.
Gunpowder Plot	Catholic plot to blow up James I as he opened Parliament
The Witch craze	The hunting down, accusing and punishing of “witches”.
Plymouth, New England	Area of America settled by Puritans as a new colony.
Thanksgiving	Celebration to remember the Native Americans who help to save the pilgrims from starvation
Pilgrim	Someone who makes a journey for their beliefs.

Challenge

What is the most important legacy of James I reign in your opinion?

How does James I compare to Elizabeth as a monarch?

Who was more successful and why?

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