



## Coronations: teacher's guide to using resources

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### KS1 teachers

**If you only have 5 minutes:** This short and engaging film packs the key information your students will need on Coronations into a [2-minute film](#).

**If you are looking for a whole lesson,** take a look at the [Introduction to Coronations](#) resource.

This PowerPoint gives your students a thorough understanding of what Coronation is in a memorable and multi-sensory way. There are bright images to look at, key words to explore, music to listen to and enjoy and actions to learn. Elements covered include where coronations take place, the regalia, the music, and the words that are spoken throughout the ceremony. Finally, there is a craft activity at the end of the session. The PowerPoint could be used as a stand-alone lesson in its entirety or you may wish to dip in and out of the activities. The craft activity at the end for example could just as easily form a stand-alone activity.

**If you are looking for images to build your own resource** do take our look through our [image bank](#).

Each high-quality image comes from the Westminster Abbey image library and is freely available for use in your classroom.

**If you are looking for a ready-made [assembly](#)** your students will enjoy walking through the steps of a Coronation ceremony - all the words, actions and music are here to guide you - we leave the costumes optional.

### KS2 teachers

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**If you're looking for a whole lesson,** take a look at [The Coronation Church](#) resource.

This PowerPoint is designed as a stand-alone lesson and focuses on the special objects associated with the Coronation and the important preparations that must be made to get Westminster Abbey Coronation-ready.

Students can go into more depth about the objects with the [Coronation object fact sheets](#).

Students may also enjoy reading [James Wilkinson's eye-witness account](#) of the 1953 coronation from his perspective as a Westminster choir boy.

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**If you're looking for an [eye-witness account](#) of the 1953 Coronation,** your students may enjoy this personal recollection of James Wilkinson who, at the time of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, was a 12-year-old choirboy at Westminster Abbey. In it, he recalls the preparations for the coronation both within the Abbey and for himself as a member of the choir.

**If you're looking for a whole lesson,** take a look at the [History of Coronations](#) resource. During this 1-hour lesson, students discover the origins of the Coronation ceremony and examine historic documents in order to ascertain how the Coronation ceremony has evolved over the last 1,000 years.

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## **KS4-5 teachers**

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