

Flipped classroom:

Summarize the power the Queen has: <https://t1p.de/zzk7>. Take notes in your class etherpad.

Introduction to the lesson:

Sing the British national anthem: “God Save the Queen“: <https://t1p.de/tm2n>.

Tasks

1. Describe the atmosphere this anthem creates and summarize it.
2. Compare and contrast “God Save the Queen“ and the Sex Pistol’s “God Save the Queen“: <https://t1p.de/6ic0> (lyrics: <https://t1p.de/ln9n>).
3. Jeremy Corbyn, head of the Labour Party, Leader of the Opposition (2015-2020), an anti-royalist, republican did not sing the national anthem at the 75th anniversary ceremony of the Battle of Britain. This was his first official engagement since becoming Labour leader. Discuss whether Jeremy Corbyn should have sung the national anthem.

Basic information: Royal Family

content	title	website
Elizabeth II. biography	Elizabeth II queen of United Kingdom	https://www.britannica.com/biography/Elizabeth-II
Coronation: Queen Elizabeth II	The Coronation Of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth - Part 2 (1953)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtL4THIDzHo (https://t1p.de/8xue)
	BBC TV Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II: Westminster Abbey 1953 (William McKie)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52NTjasbmgw
Power of the Queen	Parliament and Crown	https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/role/relations-with-other-institutions/parliament-crown/ (https://t1p.de/zzk7)
Rules for meeting the Queen	Regal rules: The dos and don'ts for meeting the Queen	https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-40668579
British monarchs, family tree	Family tree of British monarchs	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_tree_of_British_monarchs
Line of succession		https://www.royal.uk/succession
Members of the Royal Family		https://www.royal.uk/royal-family
Wedding: Prince William, Kate Middleton	The Royal Wedding Ceremony at Westminster Abbey	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53UaRW11Vh4
Royal news		https://www.royal.uk/news
Royal Family's Instagram Account		https://www.instagram.com/theroyalfamily/?hl=de

Flipped Classroom:

Summarize the statements by

- the Queen
- Buckingham Palace
- Prince Harry

concerning Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's and Prince Harry's stepping back as senior royals.

	Statement from Her Majesty The Queen, January 18th, 2020.
	<p>“Following many months of conversations and more recent discussions, I am pleased that together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson and his family. Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved members of my family. I recognise the challenges they have experienced as a result of intense scrutiny over the last two years and support their wish for a more independent life. I want to thank them for all their dedicated work across this country, the Commonwealth and beyond, and am particularly proud of how Meghan has so quickly become one of the family. It is my whole family's hope that today's agreement allows them to start building a happy and peaceful new life. ENDS“</p>
	Statement from Buckingham Palace, January 18th, 2020.
	<p>“The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are grateful to Her Majesty and the Royal Family for their ongoing support as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. As agreed in this new arrangement, they understand that they are required to step back from Royal duties, including official military appointments. They will no longer receive public funds for Royal duties. With The Queen's blessing, the Sussexes will continue to maintain their private patronages and associations. While they can no longer formally represent The Queen, the Sussexes have made clear that everything they do will continue to uphold the values of Her Majesty. The Sussexes will not use their HRH titles as they are no longer working members of the Royal Family. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have shared their wish to repay Sovereign Grant expenditure for the refurbishment of Frogmore Cottage, which will remain their UK family home. Buckingham Palace does not comment on the details of security arrangements. There are well established independent processes to determine the need for publicly-funded security. This new model will take effect in the Spring of 2020. ENDS“</p>
	https://www.royal.uk/statement-her-majesty-queen-0 , 9-19-2021.

	Prince Harry, at the dinner for AIDS and HIV charity Sentebal, January 20th, 2020
	<p>"So, I want you to hear the truth from me, as much as I can share -- not as a Prince, or a Duke, but as Harry, the same person that many of you have watched grow up over the last 35 years -- but with a clearer perspective.</p> <p>The UK is my home and a place that I love. That will never change.</p> <p>I have grown up feeling support from so many of you, and I watched as you welcomed Meghan with open arms as you saw me find the love and happiness that I had hoped for all my life. Finally, the second son of Diana got hitched, hurray! [...]</p> <p>We both do everything we can to fly the flag and carry out our roles for this country with pride. Once Meghan and I were married, we were excited, we were hopeful, and we were here to serve. [...]</p> <p>For those reasons, it brings me great sadness that it has come to this. [...]</p> <p>What I want to make clear is we're not walking away, and we certainly aren't walking away from you. Our hope was to continue serving the Queen, the Commonwealth, and my military associations, but without public funding. Unfortunately, that wasn't possible.</p> <p>I've accepted this, knowing that it doesn't change who I am or how committed I am. But I hope that helps you understand what it had to come to, that I would step my family back from all I have ever known, to take a step forward into what I hope can be a more peaceful life. [...]</p> <p>You've looked out for me for so long, but the media is a powerful force, and my hope is one day our collective support for each other can be more powerful because this is so much bigger than just us. [...]</p> <p>I will continue to be the same man who holds his country dear and dedicates his life to supporting the causes, charities and military communities that are so important to me."</p>
	<p>https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/20/uk/transcript-prince-harry-speech-intl-gbr/index.html, 9-19-2021.</p>

Introduction to the lesson:

“Five key moments from the Harry and Meghan interview with Oprah | ITV News“, <https://t1p.de/tmab>.

	Oprah Interview with Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry, March 8th, 2021
	<p>Meghan, Duchess of Sussex’s mental health: Meghan, Duchess of Sussex: “I knew, that if I didn’t say it, I would do it. And I just didn’t want to be alive anymore and that was a very clear and real and frightening constant thought. We had to go to an official event and I remember him saying I don’t think you can go and I said I can’t be left alone.” Oprah: “Because yo were afraid of what you might do to yourself?” Meghan, Duchess of Sussex nods. [...] “If you zoom in, what I see is how tightly his knuckles are gripped around mine. You can see the whites of our knuckles because we are smiling and doing our job, but we are both just trying to hold on.”</p> <p>Systemic Racism: Meghan, Duchess of Sussex: “So we have in tandem the conversation of, he [Archie] won’t be given security, he is not gonna be given a title and also concern and conversations about how dark his skin might be when he is born.” Oprah: “What? About how dark your baby is going to be?” Meghan, Duchess of Sussex: “Potentially, and what that would mean to look like. That was relayed to me from Harry, those were conversations that family had with him.”</p> <p>Trapped in Institution of Monarchy: Prince Harry: “Trapped within the system. Like the rest of my family are, my father and my brother - they are trapped. They don’t get to leave and I have huge compassion for that.”</p>
	<p>taken from: Five key moments from the Harry and Meghan interview with Oprah ITV News, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5WczphnCWw, 9-18-2021.</p>

Tasks

1. **Summarize** the most important aspects of Oprah’s interview with Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex.
2. **Analyze** tabloid covers of Meghan, Duchess of Sussex and Prince Harry.
 These resources might help:
 - “How to analyze_clickbait“, <https://t1p.de/omnd>
 - BuzzFeed: “Here Are 20 Headlines Comparing Meghan Markle To Kate Middleton That May Show Why She And Prince Harry Left Royal Life“, <https://t1p.de/2bbk>
3. **Discuss**: “She [Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, representing change to the British Monarchy] happened to arrive at a moment when Brexit emboldened people who advocated for a nationalist identity and a return to Britain’s imperial past. [...] It’s no surprise that this triggered a really hostile reaction,” Afua Hirsch (teaches journalism at the University of Southern California, author of *Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging*.
 (NYT: “Megxit’ Is the New Brexit in a Britain Split by Age and Politics“, 1-15-2020, <https://t1p.de/hhiy>)

Optional Homework:

1. **Summarize** The New York Times’ opinion piece by Hamilton Nolan “Down With the British Monarchy“ (3-9-2021; <https://t1p.de/3sum>).
2. **Analyze** how Nolan underlines his arguments.
3. **Discuss**: Should the British Monarchy be abolished, in post-Brexit Britain?
 These arguments might help: <https://t1p.de/d7do>

Further information: Popularity of the Royal Family

contents	title	website
Buckingham Palace virtual tour		https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace
Expenditures	Statista: Expenditure of the British Royal Family in the United Kingdom (UK) in 2020/21	https://www.statista.com/statistics/372882/uk-royal-family-expenditure-breakdown/
Support	Statista: Do you think Britain should continue to have a monarchy in the future, or should it be replaced with an elected head of state?	https://www.statista.com/statistics/863893/support-for-the-monarchy-in-britain-by-age/
	YouGov: Attitudes to Monarchy 2021	https://docs.cdn.yougov.com/zzfjr9fmfc/Attitudes%20to%20monarchy%202021.pdf
	Statista: Most liked members of the royal family	https://www.statista.com/statistics/863823/most-liked-members-of-the-royal-family/
	YouGov: Royal Favourability	https://docs.cdn.yougov.com/be4vukhfxe/YouGov%20-%20Royal%20Favourability%20August%202021.pdf
Perceptions of being in the Royal Family	Statista: Do you think being a member of the Royal Family is more of a privilege or more of a burden?	https://www.statista.com/statistics/1220431/perceptions-on-being-in-the-royal-family/

Further information: Megxit

Royal Scandals	The 30 Biggest Royal Family Scandals of All Time	https://www.cosmopolitan.com/lifestyle/g19854910/famous-royal-family-scandals/?slide=1
Diana	Diana: Her True Story--in Her Own Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter 4: My Cries For Help - Chapter 9: The People's Princess
	Elton John: Candle in the Wind	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoOhnrjdYOc
Megxit	Statement from Her Majesty The Queen	https://www.royal.uk/statement-her-majesty-queen-0
	Duke of Sussex: Spring Transition 2020	https://sussexroyal.com/spring-2020-transition/
Prince Harry Stepping Down Speech	Prince Harry Opens Up! FULL Speech At Sentebale Fundraiser 2020	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkec3y9_nk8
transcript	Read Prince Harry's full speech after royal split	https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/20/uk/transcript-prince-harry-speech-intl-gbr/index.html
Oprah Winfrey Interview: Megxit	Five key moments from the Harry and Meghan interview with Oprah ITV News	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5WczphnCWW

Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's website	sussexroyal.com	https://sussexroyal.com/
Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's Organization: Archewell		https://archewell.com/
Post-Megxit	NYT: Down With the British Monarchy	https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/09/opinion/meghan-harry-abolish-monarchy.html
	YouGov: Royal popularity: Harry and Meghan drop significantly	https://yougov.co.uk/topics/entertainment/articles-reports/2020/10/28/royal-popularity-harry-and-meghan-drop
	NYT: Megxit' Is the New Brexit in a Britain Split by Age and Politics	https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/15/world/europe/harry-meghan-megxit-brexit.html
speech: Edward VIII abdicates the throne		http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/edward.htm