(In)glorious revolution

# Chronology

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| 1649 | King Charles I is executed. |
| 1660 | Charles II is invited to take back the throne after 11 troubled years without a king. His father Charles I had been executed in 1649. |
| 1677 | William marries his cousin Mary. He is 27, she is just 15. |
| 1679-81 | Parliament attempts to stop Charles’ brother James from becoming king after Charles dies, because James is Roman Catholic. |
| 1685 | Charles II dies and is succeeded by his brother James II. |
| 1687 | James II promises religious tolerance to his fellow Catholics.  James starts putting powerful Catholics in positions of power in his army, and tries to get Catholics in the House of Commons again. |
| June 1688 | James II’s son is born, and fears grow that the kingdom will stay Catholic. There are rumours the baby was swapped at birth and the young prince is an impostor!  Seven important statesmen (the immortal seven) send William a letter inviting him to be king. |
| October 1688 | William publicly denies he has any intention of being king. |
| November 1688 | William and his fleet land in Devon, and find large parts of the country support him. |
| December 1688 | James II’s wife, Queen Mary of Modena, flees with their son to France.  James is captured in Kent.  William enters London and is cheered and welcomed by crowds.  James is allowed to escape and join his wife in France. |
| January 1689 | Parliament is called to discuss whether James is still king even though he has run away to France, and if they can legally ask William and Mary to be king and queen. |
| February 1689 | Parliament passes an Act, called the Bill of Rights, which criticises James II and allows Parliament to invite William and Mary to rule, although it limits their powers as monarchs. |
| April 1689 | William and Mary are crowned. They start work on building works at Hampton Court Palace. |
| 1690 | James still has Catholic support in Ireland, and he fights the English in the Battle of the Boyne, but loses and flees Ireland. |
| 1694 | Mary dies of smallpox, aged only 32. William is devastated. |

