

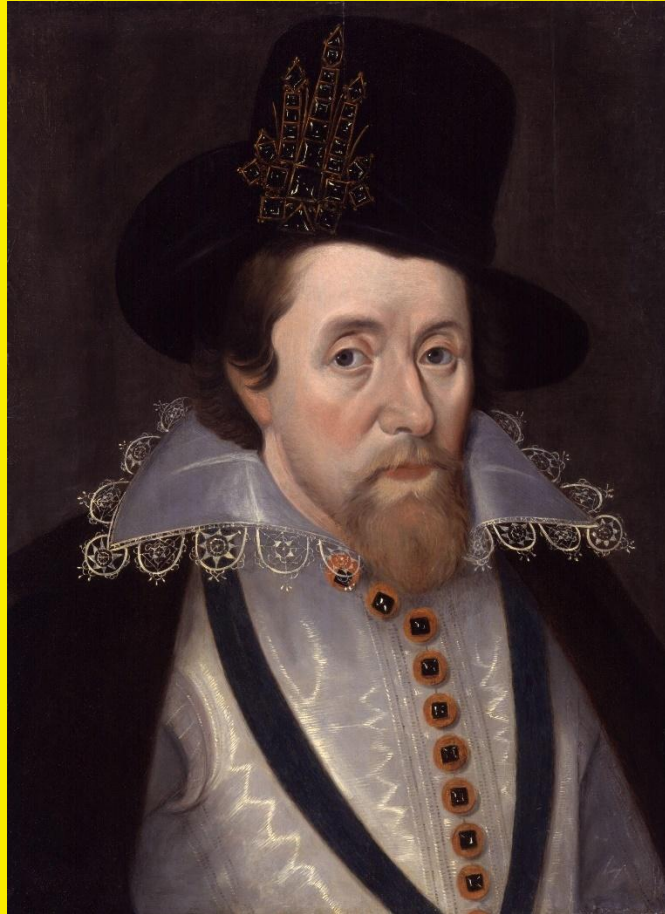
The Stuarts

For the next 100 years Britain was ruled by the Stuarts.



The Stuart dynasty reigned in England and Scotland
1603-1714.





James VI the Stuart king of Scotland, became the king of England too.

He was Protestant and he was very intolerant of Catholics and the Puritans.

Because of this intolerance the Pilgrim fathers left England on a ship called the Mayflower.

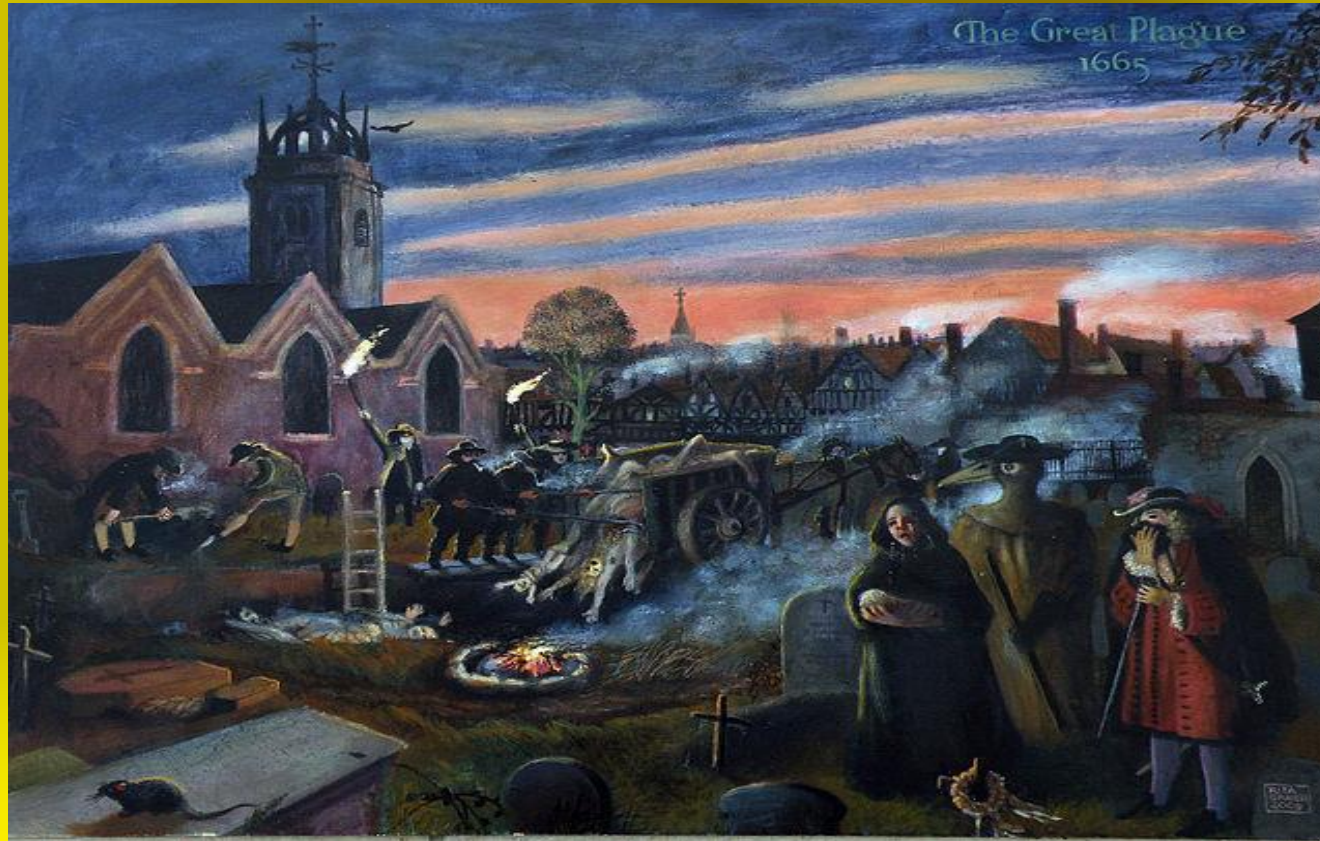
The Stuarts ruled until 1707.

The pilgrim fathers



There were wars with Spain and France and there was a civil war.

In London, the Great Plague broke out in 1664 and 70.000 people died.



However, it was followed by the great fire of London in 1666.



The Great Fire of London 1666



In 1605 a group of thirteen young Catholic men prepared thirty-six barrels of gunpowder which they put in a cellar under the Houses of Parliament. They hoped to kill king James I who was Protestant and intolerant of Catholics. This is now called the Gunpowder Plot.





Today, the monarch enters the Houses of Parliament only once a year, for a ceremony called the State Opening of Parliament.

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