

# Kings of England

1100's

**HENRY I** - 35 yrs. 119 days.

Seized the throne when his brother died in a hunting accident. He died of food poisoning.

**STEPHEN** - 18 yrs. 308 days.

A weak king, most of his reign was a civil war known as "The Anarchy" in England and Normandy against his cousin Matilda, which resulted in widespread breakdown of law and order. The country was almost destroyed.

## PLANTAGENETS

**HENRY II** - 34 yrs. 200 days.

A brilliant soldier, laid the basis for much of English common law, ruled most of France too. Regarded as the greatest of all Medieval English kings.

**RICHARD I THE LIONHEART**

9 yrs. 216 days. Spent about 6 months as king in England, the rest spent on crusades, defending his land in France or being held captive for ransom which almost bankrupted the country.