



## *What kind of king was Charles I?*

### Case study 1: Monarchs before Charles I

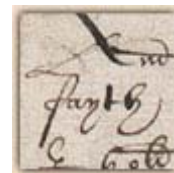
The two rulers who came before Charles I were Elizabeth I (1558-1603) and James I (1603-25). Studying these two rulers can help us to see whether Charles I ruled in a similar or different way. What do the sources tell us about how Elizabeth and James ruled?



**Great Seal of  
Elizabeth I**



**Great Seal of  
James I**



**Speech by James I to  
Parliament, 1609**