

1640s

Today

Parliament doesn't sit very often as the King can rule by himself	The King and the nobles lived at court in huge, grand palaces
Electricity hasn't been invented	You can be arrested for not going to church, or for not following the rules of the church
People mostly live in houses made of wood (except very rich people)	Most people live and work on farms in the country or as shopkeepers or merchants in towns and cities
Cars hadn't been invented, people walk or travel around on horses or in carriages if you are rich	The King decides on church rules and tells people what to believe about God and the bible
Parliament sits all the time (except for holidays) as the Queen can't rule on her own	People have the freedom to believe what they want and people of lots of different religions live the country
People live in brick or stone houses	People have electricity, running water and flushable toilets in their houses
Population of Cambridge is 120,000	Population of Cambridge is around 5000
All adults over the age of 18 can vote in elections	You can only vote if you own a certain amount of land