**Edward VIII Abdication speech**

**Questions to help with wider contextual understanding**

Go online and research the following:

1) What caused the ‘abdication crisis’ of 1936?

2) How long did Edward VIII reign for?

3) Who was the woman he wanted to marry and what was her background?

4) Who was Mr (Stanley) Baldwin and what was his attitude to Edward’s plans?

5) What was Winston Churchill’s attitude to Edward VIII’s plans to marry?

6) Why does Edward VIII refer to himself as “King and Emperor”?

7) What was the main “constitutional” problem raised by Edward’s plans?

8) Who is usually the Prince of Wales and who holds the position now?

9) Who was Edward VIII’s mother, why does he refer to her and not to his father and what was her position regarding the crisis?

10) Who became the new king and what were the implications of this for the British people up until the present day?