



meanwhile, nearby...

The King's evil and the royal touch; a new miracle cure!

In the Middle Ages people believed in _____ causes of disease. At this time they believed in England and France that that a touch from royalty could _____ people from a skin disease known as scrofula. This disease was also known as the _____.

Gold coin;



When was it made? _____ Under which King's rule? _____. What is the inscription?

Find the answers to the questions:

1. Which king started the practise of the king's touch?

2. When did the practise end?

3. Who was the last Queen to perform the king's touch?

How does Shakespeare use this idea in his plays?

Can you find an example of how Shakespeare describes the kings touch?

Describe what happened in ceremonies held by the kings to cure scrofula.

Where in (insert local place) are you be able to visit a site connected to the history of (insert nearby topic)?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

How does *the King's touch* connect to our classroom studies of the *beliefs about medicine*?

Useful websites, videos and podcasts

<http://broughttolife.sciencemuseum.org.uk/broughttolife/techniques/kingsevil>

<https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/gold-coin-used-in-the-ceremony-of-touching-for-the-kings-evil>

<https://kingscollections.org/exhibitions/specialcollections/great-leveller/scrofula-and-tuberculosis/scrofula>