

# Modern Day Princess Study Guide

Infanta Elena, Duchess of Lugo



**Names:** Elena María Isabel Dominica de Silos de Borbón y Grecia

**Born:** 20 December 1963 (age 57) in Madrid, Spain

**Spouse:** Jaime de Marichalar (m. 1995; div. 2010)

**Issue:** Felipe de Marichalar y Borbón

Victoria de Marichalar y Borbón

**House:** Bourbon

**Father:** Juan Carlos I of Spain

**Mother:** Sophia of Greece and Denmark

**Religion:** Roman Catholic



## *Spain in the 1900s - A Brief History*

There was not much peace in Spain during the first part of the 20th century. Some Spaniards tried to set up a government chosen by the people and they made the King of Spain leave the country.

However, in 1936, two different groups of Spaniards went to war over whether the government should be a democracy or take orders from one person. In 1939, those for democracy were defeated, and a dictator named Francisco Franco took over the government.

Franco died in 1975. He had decided that Spain should have a king again, and he chose Juan Carlos, the grandson of the last Spanish king. But the Juan Carlos did not rule as a dictator; instead, he chose to set up a democracy. Adolfo Suárez was appointed as Spain's first democratically elected prime minister. Now Spain is a modern democratic country, is a part of the European Union, and does business with many countries around the world.

(info from Wikipedia)



Elena with her Father, Juan Carlos  
Top - 1965  
Middle - March, 1995  
Bottom - June, 2019

*Family/ Residence/ Maps*



Princess Elena, Victoria Federica Marichalar, Felipe Juan Frolian Marichalar

Left - August, 2011

Right - With Queen Sofia,



Official Spanish Royal Residence - Zaruela Palace



*Websites:*

[Infanta Elena, Duchess of Lugo ~ Complete Biography with \[ Photos | Videos \] \(alchetron.com\)](#)

[Infanta Elena, Duchess of Lugo - Wikipedia](#)

[New Royal Day Discussion: Spanish RF \(newroyaldaydiscussion.blogspot.com\)](#)

[Juan Carlos I - Wikipedia](#)

[Timeline of Spanish history - Wikipedia](#)

*Discussion Questions:*

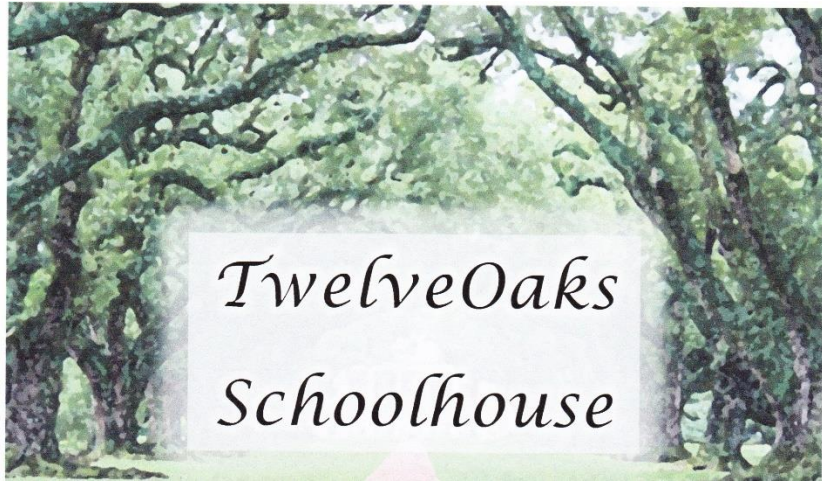
1. When was the Spanish Monarchy officially abolished? When was it reinstated? What happened next?
2. What is Elena's role/ duties as a member of the royal family?
3. Who is the Spanish King now?



*Activities:*

1. Label the Spanish Royal family in the picture above.
2. Write a timeline of Infanta Elena's life.
3. Make a family tree of the Spanish Royal Family, go back as far in history as you can.
4. Research Spain, write a report.





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