

KEY EVENTS IN ELEANOR'S LIFE

- 1137: William X dies, Eleanor becomes Duchess of Aquitaine; she marries the heir to the French throne; Louis VI dies and Louis and Eleanor become King and Queen of France; Eleanor crowned
- 1147: Eleanor accompanies Louis on the Second Crusade
- 1152: Eleanor's marriage to Louis declared invalid; 8 weeks later she marries Henry of Anjou
- 1153: Eleanor gives birth to first son, William
- 1154: Henry and Eleanor become & are crowned King and Queen of England
- 1166: Eleanor gives birth to John, final child with Henry (total of 8 children)
- 1168: Eleanor moves to Poitiers (legends of "Courts of Love")
- 1170: Prince Henry crowned as "Young King"; Murder of Thomas Becket
- 1171: Richard recognized as Duke of Aquitaine
- 1173: Henry I's sons rebel against him
- 1174: Sons do penance and are forgiven; Eleanor imprisoned
- 1183: Young King Henry dies and Richard becomes heir
- 1190: Henry II dies, Richard becomes king and immediately releases Eleanor
- 1190s: Eleanor frequently acts as Regent for Richard I
- 1193: Richard captured while returning from Crusade; Eleanor helps raise ransom
- 1194: Eleanor travels to secure Richard's release; they return to England together
- 1199: Richard dies; Eleanor supports John's claim to the throne (over Geoffrey's son Arthur)
- 1200: Eleanor is captured by Arthur's forces; when freed, she retires to Fontevraud Abbey as nun
- 1204: Eleanor dies and is buried between Henry II and Richard I

