

History Knowledge Organiser

Elizabethan England c.1568-1603 Life in Elizabethan times



Elizabeth I



Henry VIII- Father of Elizabeth. Began the Tudor period of religious turmoil by breaking from Rome.



Queen Mary I – Following the protestant reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI, Mary sought to return England to Catholicism. Over 200 religious dissenters were burnt at the stake, leading to her being nick-named **'Bloody Mary'** by protestants



Queen Mary of Scots- Catholic Queen of Scotland considered by many English Catholics as the rightful heir to the English throne. Several plots to replace Elizabeth with her failed. Eventually executed by Elizabeth I.



King Phillip of Spain- Catholic. A one-time suitor of Elizabeth, he went to war with Elizabeth with the Spanish Armada



Sir Francis Drake- Best known for his role in the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Also a 'privateer' (pirate) Explorer and slave trader.

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What were the causes of the Spanish Armada?

- Execution of Catholic Queen Mary of Scots in 1587 **+**
- Francis Drake's raid on Cadiz **+**
- Philip's desire to restore Catholicism to England. Pressure on Philip from Pope to act. **+**
- English raids by privateers (Sir Francis Drake) on Spanish shipping in the New World (South America) **+**
- Elizabeth's military support of Protestants in Netherlands and France (Huguenots) a threat to Catholic Spain and France. **+**

A Golden Age?



The Plague Doctor

