

## Early Elizabethan England 1558 - 1588

### Key dates:

- 1558 - Elizabeth I is crowned Queen.
- 1559 - Religious settlement including the Act of Supremacy, the Act of Uniformity and Royal Injunctions / Casket Letters / York Conference.
- 1560 - The Treaty of Edinburgh
- 1566 - Dutch Revolt.
- 1568 - Mary Queen of Scots flees to England from Scotland.
- 1569 - Revolt of Northern Earls
- 1570 - Pope excommunicates Elizabeth.
- 1571 - The Ridolfi Plot.
- 1572 - Vagabonds Act.
- 1576 - Poor Relief Act / Spanish Fury/ Pacification of Ghent.
- 1577-80 - Francis Drake circumnavigates the world.
- 1583 - The Throckton Plot
- 1584 - The Treaty of Joinville
- 1585 - All catholic Priests ordered to leave / Treaty of Nonsuch/ War begins between Spain and England/ Colony of Virginia begins.
- 1586 - Babington Plot / Colonists return to England.
- 1587 - Mary Queen of Scots is executed / Colony is established at Roanoke / Drake 'singes the King of Spain's beard'.
- 1588 - Philip II launches Armada. Spanish are defeated at the Battle of Gravelines.
- 1603 - Elizabeth I dies. The end of the Tudor Reign.

### Key People:

- Queen Elizabeth I - the last of the Tudor monarchs. Daughter of King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn.
- Mary Queen of Scots - Elizabeth's cousin. Queen of Scotland between 1542 - 1567.
- Philip II - King of Spain, married to Mary I (Elizabeth's sister) and wanted to marry Elizabeth.
- Francis Drake - Explorer
- Pope Pius V - Leader of the Catholic Church who excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I
- Babington - Chief conspirator who planned to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I and put Mary Queen of Scots on the throne.
- Robert Dudley - 1st Earl of Leicester was an English nobleman and the favourite and close friend of Elizabeth I. He sailed with an English army to fight the Spanish forces who were occupying the Netherlands
- Sir Francis Walsingham - A government administrator, involved the trial and execution of Mary Queen of Scots. He was given responsibility for the security of the monarch. To protect Elizabeth he created a network of spies in Europe.
- Roberto Ridolfi - an Italian banker who was a spy for the Pope.
- Robert Cecil - 1st Earl of Salisbury, statesman and minister to Elizabeth I of England.

### Key Vocabulary:

- Divine right - Belief that the monarch's right to rule came from God.
- Privy Council - Made up of leading courtiers and advisors chosen by the monarch to debate and advise the Queen and make sure the laws were carried out.
- Patronage - To provide someone with an important job or position.
- The Reformation - It was a split in the Catholic Church where a new type of Christianity called Protestantism was born.
- The Royal Supremacy - The monarch is the head of the church.
- Vestment - Religious clothing.
- Conspiracy - A secret plan with the aim of doing something against the law.
- Cipher - A secret way of writing in code.
- Foreign Policy - The aims that guide a nation's relations with other countries.

