



## Highsted Knowledge Organiser

### Subject History

#### Year 8

<p>What I need to know</p> <p><b>Threats to Elizabeth I's reign</b></p> <p><b>Was Elizabeth I's reign successful</b></p>	<p>Key Vocabulary</p> <p><b>Patriarchal</b> – Male dominated society</p> <p>Catholic- Universal Christian religion before the Reformation</p> <p><b>Reformation</b> – Religious change driven by Protestants in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century</p>
<p>Student reference point</p> <p><b>Threats to Elizabeth I's reign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Elizabeth I reigned from 1558 to 1603. She was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, Henry's 2nd wife.</li><li>-When she came to the throne in 1558 not everyone respected her authority because:</li><li>-She was a woman in a male-dominated (=patriarchal) society.</li><li>-She was unmarried and had no heir to the throne (and without any other surviving Tudors this made the dynasty vulnerable).</li><li>-She was a Protestant at a time when England was divided between Catholics and Protestants. Many Catholics believed she had no right to rule (=legitimacy) because Henry should never have had his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, his 1st wife, annulled (=legally cancelled) (i.e. for many Catholics Anne Boleyn was never properly Henry's wife).</li><li>-Catholics in England, with support from the Pope and other Catholic powers in Europe, staged a number of attempts to murder Elizabeth and replace her with her Catholic cousin, Mary Queen of Scots.</li><li>-These plots included the Revolt of the Northern Earls (1569), Ridolfi Plot (1571), Throckmorton Plot (1583) and Babington Plot (1586).</li></ul> <p><b>Was Elizabeth I's reign successful?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The success of Elizabeth's reign can be explored through her handling of:</li><li>-Her public image as an unmarried woman via portraits etc (=propaganda). Elizabeth portrayed herself as a powerful, wealthy, independent individual, and as a 'Virgin Queen' married only to England.</li><li>-Her handling of the religious divisions in England between Catholics and Protestants in the attempt to bring most people on side with an officially Protestant Church of England (Anglicanism). This is called the Religious Settlement. Elizabeth did not seek to punish Catholics who did not go to Anglican services, and allowed some elements of decoration and ornate clothes to be kept in Church of England establishments. This annoyed some Puritans (=extreme Protestants).</li><li>-The defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. The Armada was defeated because of mistakes by the Spanish, English naval skill, Elizabeth's rallying leadership (e.g. the Tilbury speech), and luck (the Spanish experienced bad weather and the remnants of the Armada ran aground).</li></ul>	
<p>Challenge question</p> <p>What does Elizabeth I's reign tell us about one woman in a man's world?</p>	
<p>Suggested reading</p> <p><b>Threats to Elizabeth's reign</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqcn4i6/revision/8">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqcn4i6/revision/8</a></p> <p><b>Was Elizabeth I's reign successful?</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/blog/articles/why-was-queen-elizabeth-i-so-important/">https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/blog/articles/why-was-queen-elizabeth-i-so-important/</a></p>	