

## Early Elizabethan England

### Queen, Government and Religion, 1589-69

- Feudal System during Elizabeth's Reign
- Structure of Elizabeth's government
- Elizabeth's Illegitimacy
- Financial Threats
- Foreign Threats
- Treaty of Cateau-Cambresis, 1559
- Treaty of Troyes, 1564
- Elizabeth's Religious Settlement (Act of Supremacy, Act of Uniformity, Royal Injunctions + 39 Articles)
- Catholic challenges to the religious settlement
- Puritan challenge to the religious settlement
- Mary Queen of Scots
- Dutch Revolt, 1566 (Sea Beggars and the Genoese Loan)

### Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad, 1569-88

- Revolt of the Northern Earls, 1569
- Francis Walsingham and the spy network
- Papal Bull and Elizabeth's Excommunication, 1570
- The Ridolfi Plot, 1571
- Throckmorton Plot, 1583
- Babington Plot, 1589
- Mary Queen of Scots' execution, 1589
- Relations with Spain - Causes for tensions (Religion, politics and piracy)
- Problems in the Netherlands
- Pacification of Ghent, 1576
- Treaty of Joinville, 1584
- Treaty of Nonsuch, 1585
- Raid of Cadiz (Singeing the King of Spain's beard)
- The Spanish Armada, 1588 (including the Battle of Gravelines)
- Reasons for the failure of the Spanish Armada (English strengths, Spanish weaknesses, luck)

### Elizabeth society in the Age of Exploration, 1558-88

- Education for rich and poor children
- Leisure activities, including the theatre
- Reasons for poverty (population increase, rising prices, enclosure, sheep farming, poor harvest)
- Statute of Artificers, 1563
- Vagabonds Act, 1572
- Poor Relief Act, 1576
- Reasons for expanding trade; Trade Triangle, new technology eg. astrolabe and improved ship design
- Drake's circumnavigation of the globe, 1577-80
- Drake's acts of Piracy
- Sir Walter Raleigh – organizing the Virginia Colony Expedition eg. Manteo and Wanchese
- Benefits of the Virginia colony (POTATOES)
- Significance of the colonisation of Virginia
- Reasons for the failure of the Virginia colony eg. lack of preparation, damage to ships, Roanoke, hostility from Native Americans