**Elizabeth was the most powerful person in the country**

**How was Elizabethan Government organised?**

**The Privy Council consisted of approx. 20 of her closest advisors**

**Parliament was only called 13 times in 44 years, often to raise taxes**

**Elizabeth was seen as illegitimate by some Catholics**

**What difficulties did Elizabeth face because she was a woman?**

**Elizabeth was expected to marry and produce an heir to the throne**

**Women were seen as weak, and not fit or capable of ruling a country**

**When Elizabeth came to power, England was in debt**

**What were Elizabeth’s main problems in 1558?**

**When Elizabeth came to power, England was confused about religion**

**When Elizabeth came to power, England was at war with France**

**Her father, Henry VIII, broke away from the Catholic Church**

**Why was religion a problem for Elizabeth?**

**Her sister, Mary I, made England Catholic again and persecuted Protestants**

**Her brother, Edward VI, made England more Protestant**

**In 1559, Elizabeth passes Act of Supremacy, seen as a ‘Middle Way’**

**How did Elizabeth deal with religion?**

**The Bible and Prayer Book were in English, which Protestants liked**

**Some Catholic decorations were allowed, and priests still wore vestments**

**Puritans wanted the Church to get rid of Catholicism**

**Why weren’t the Puritans happy?**

**Some Puritans followed the extreme views of Martin Luther and John Calvin**

**Puritans did not want the priests to wear vestments**

**MQS was related to the Tudors through Margaret, her grandmother**

**What claim did Mary, Queen of Scots have on the English throne?**

**A good reason to go to war**

**MQS wanted Elizabeth to name her as the heir to England**

**MQS was supported by English Catholics**

**The Northern Earls plotted for the Duke of Norfolk to marry MQS**

**What plots were there against Elizabeth?**

**The Babington plot wanted to use a French/Spanish army to kill Elizabeth**

**The Ridolfi plot planned to assassinate Elizabeth and crown MQS**

**King Philip of Spain had been married to Mary I. He wanted to marry Elizabeth too!**

**Why was there conflict between England and Spain?**

**King Philip was a Catholic and didn’t like Elizabeth’s religious settlement**

**Spain was very powerful, and had a large empire**

**He sailed round the world and brought home ship loads of treasure**

**What did Francis Drake do?**

**The ‘singeing of the King of Spain’s beard’ put back an attack from Spain**

**Drake attacked Spanish ships at the port of Cadiz**

**The Armada was 130 ships, 8000 sailors and 18000 soldiers**

**What was the Spanish Armada?**

**The Armada sailed from Spain into the English Channel**

**It sailed in a crescent shape to protect smaller ships**

**The English had smaller and more agile ships**

**How did England defeat the Spanish Armada?**

**Spanish sailors were less experienced than the English sailors**

**English tactics were more effective during the naval battle**

**She is kind, generous, thoughtful and caring**

**Why is Mrs Knight your favourite teacher?**

**A good reason to go to war**

**She is the nicest teacher in the whole wide room** ☺

**She will help you to get an excellent GCSE grade**

**A good reason to go to war**