

Elizabethan England Flash Card Questions

Elizabeth and her Government

1. Who were Elizabeth's mother and father?
2. What was her upbringing like?
3. Did Elizabeth suffer as a result of spending a lot of time away from the court?
4. Who took on the role of mother figure to Elizabeth?
5. How were Elizabeth's views on religion shaped in her early life?
6. What major role did Catherine Parr play in the life of Elizabeth?
7. When did Elizabeth become Queen?
8. Why did people question Elizabeth's ability to rule?
9. What was the structure of Elizabeth's government?
10. What was the Privy Council?
11. How much power did Elizabeth's Privy Council have?
12. How important was the Royal Court?
13. Who were Elizabeth's most trusted advisors?
14. What was the role of Parliament?
15. How did Elizabeth view Parliament?
16. Who was Robert Essex?
17. What did the Essex Rebellion prove?
18. Why was marriage such a big issue for Elizabeth?

19. Who were potential suitors?

Life in Elizabethan times

1. Why was there a rise in the gentry?
2. Why was there a decline of the 'old' nobility?
3. What were typical features of Elizabethan architecture?
4. What changes took place in fashion?
5. What was the purpose of a theatre?
6. What was a Prodigy house?
7. Who was Bess of Hardwick?
8. Was Hardwick Hall a typical gentry house?
9. What was the 'cult of Elizabeth'?
10. How did Elizabeth liked to be portrayed?
11. Why was there a lot of poverty?
12. What were attitudes towards the poor?
13. What were the different types of poor people?
14. What were the aims of the Poor Law?
15. Why was trade so important?
16. What was a privateer?
17. How important were Drake and Raleigh?
18. What were the positives and negatives to exploration?

Trouble at home and abroad

1. What was the religious settlement?
2. When was the Act of Supremacy introduced?

3. What was it?
4. Describe the 'Middle Way'.
5. What was Catholic opposition?
6. What was the Treason Act?
7. How did Elizabeth treat Catholics and Puritans?
8. What were priest holes?
9. Why was Mary, Queen of Scots such a threat?
10. What were the main rebellions that Elizabeth faced?
11. What was the aim of the Northern Rebellion?
12. Who was behind the Throckmorton Plot?
13. What were the causes of the conflict with Spain?
14. Who were the key figures for England in the fight against Spain?
15. Who were the key figures for Spain?
16. Who had the stronger naval force?
17. What advantage did English ships have over the Spanish?
18. Who won?
19. How did they achieve victory?
20. What was the aftermath of the defeat?