

Important facts

Elizabeth I was one of the most famous queens England ever had. She was the last Tudor monarch (kind or queen). Elizabeth I was King Henry VIII's youngest daughter, and her mother was Anne Boleyn. The 44 years in which Elizabeth ruled England are called the Golden Age, because England was very prosperous.

- Elizabeth was born on 7th September 1533. Her mother was Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife.
- Elizabeth had a half-sister, Mary, and a half-brother, Edward. Both ruled England before she became queen. Mary returned England to Catholicism, Elizabeth I restored England to Protestantism.
- She is famous for having red hair, like her father Henry VII.
- During Elizabeth I's reign, lots of English explorers searched for new lands and treasures. The explorer Sir Francis Drake was knighted by Elizabeth for services to his country.
- Elizabeth I wore thick white make up to cover up scars on her face leftover from when she had smallpox.
- There were quite a few plots to assassinate Elizabeth I and put her cousin Mary Queen of Scots on the throne instead.







Elizabeth I reigned from 1558 until 1603.



The **Spanish Armada** was a Spanish fleet of ships most famous for being used by Spain's King Phillip II to attack Britain in 1588. He wanted to make the country Catholic again. It was defeated by the England's navy during queen Elizabeth I's reign by using the wind to blow ships that were lit on fire into the anchored fleet.

Key Vocabulary

Golden Age	A time that brings peace, prosperity and happiness	
Tudors	A member of the Tudor dynasty which was between 1485 -1603	
Henry VII	The King of England from 1509 – 1547.	
Edward VI	The son of Henry VII and was King from 1547 -1553.	
Mary I	The eldest daughter of Henry VIII and the Queen of England from 1553 -1558.	
Elizabeth I	The younger daughter of Henry VIII and Queen of England from 1558 -1603.	
Protestant Church of England	The Church of England (Christianity religion) that has a King or Queen as the head and is governed by bishops	
Catholic Church	A part of the Christian church that has the pope as its head	
Reign	The time being a King or Queen of a country	
The Spanish Armada	A Spanish fleet of 130 army ships that sailed from Spain to invade England	

Timeline

17 November 1558

Queen Mary I died.

15th January 1559

Elizabeth I was officially crowned queen.

1562

Elizabeth I became very ill with smallpox.

1577 – 1580

Francis Drake sailed around the world.

1581

Elizabeth I knighted Francis Drake, making him Sir Francis Drake.

1558

The Spanish attempted to invade England an Armada and were defeated at sea.

24th March 1603

Elizabeth I died.