

Year 10 - Spring Term

THE ELIZABETHAN AGE 1558-1603 (1 hour paper at the end of Y11)

1. How successful was the government of Elizabeth I?

- The coronation and popularity of Elizabeth I
- Royal Court, Privy Council and Councillors
- Local government
- Role of Parliament
- Taxation and freedom of speech

2. How did life differ for the rich and poor?

- Contrasting lifestyles of the rich and poor
- Homes and fashion
- Causes of poverty
- Issue of unemployment and vagrancy
- Government legislation (laws) including the 1601 Poor Law

3. What were the most popular types of entertainment?

- The importance of popular entertainment
- Cruel sports
- Entertainments enjoyed by the rich
- The Elizabethan theatre

4. How successfully did Elizabeth deal with the problem of religion?

- Religious plots in 1559
- Aims of the Religious Settlement, including the Middle Way, Acts of Supremacy and Uniformity
- Reactions to the Settlement

5. Why were the Catholics such a serious threat to Elizabeth?

- Early toleration

- Ex-communication in 1570
- Recusancy
- Rebellion of Northern earls
- Catholic plots
- Role of Mary, Queen of Scots

6. How much of a threat was the Spanish Armada?

- Reasons for the Armada
- War in the Netherlands
- Course of the Armada - events in the Channel, Calais, fireships and return to Spain
- Results of the Armada

7. Why did the Puritans become an increasing threat during Elizabeth's reign?

- Puritanism
- Challenge to the Settlement
- Puritan opposition in Parliament and Privy Council
- Measures taken to deal with the Puritan challenge