Vocabulary

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| * Queen Elizabeth I | * Golden Age | * Francis Drake | * Spanish Armada | * Elizabethan |

**Why was Queen Elizabeth’s reign so significant for England?**

Queen Elizabeth I

Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. She was highly educated thanks to Catherine Parr and knew multiple languages. She was imprisoned by Mary I because she was a Protestant (Christian). She never married during her reign because she was “married to England” and didn’t have time. She died without having any children so there was no Tudor heir to the throne. During her reign, England had its Golden Age where lots of change happened. The country became rich, explorers travelled the world and literature and theatre (Shakespeare) were a big part of life.

Spanish Armada

In 1588, because Elizabeth had executed Mary, Phillip I of Spain wanted to invade England to make it Catholic again. He sent war ships to England called an Armada. A A Navy leader, Francis Drake, led English ships to defend against the attack. He used fire ships to scatter the Spanish ships and then because of his superior tactics the English won and the Spanish retreated.

Kenilworth Castle

Kenilworth Castle was a significant place during Elizabethan times. Robert Dudley owned it and he wanted to marry Elizabeth. He spent thousands turning it into a palace and even made a building just for Elizabeth to sleep in and be entertained in. She visited and stayed at Kenilworth but she never married Robert.

Change

Society changed as there were no wars or people to challenge Elizabeth. Plus, she was very dedicated to England.