

Checklist

Part One: Elizabeth's court and Parliament

Section 1: Elizabeth and her court:

- Background and character of Elizabeth I.
- Court life, including patronage; key ministers.

Section 2: The difficulties of a female ruler:

- Relations with Parliament.
- The problem of marriage and the succession.
- The strength of Elizabeth's authority at the end of her reign,
- Essex's rebellion in 1601.

Section 3: Troubles at home and abroad:

- The question of religion, English Catholicism and Protestantism.
- The Northern Rebellion
- Elizabeth's excommunication.
- The missionaries
- Catholic plots and the threat to the Elizabethan settlement.
- Elizabeth and her government's responses and policies towards religious matters.

Mary Queen of Scots:

- Background.
- Elizabeth and Parliament's treatment of Mary.
- The challenge posed by Mary; plots; execution and its impact.

Part Two: Life in Elizabethan Times

Section 1: A Golden Age:

- Living standards and fashions.
- Growing prosperity and the rise of the gentry.
- The Elizabethan theatre and its achievements.
- Attitudes to the theatre.

Section 2: The poor:

- Reasons for the increase in poverty.
- Attitudes and responses to poverty.
- The reasons for government action and the seriousness of the problem.

Section 3: English sailors:

- Hawkins and Drake; circumnavigation 1577 - 1580, voyages and trade.
- The role of Raleigh.

Section 4: Conflict with Spain:

- Reasons for, and the events of, conflict with Spain
- Naval warfare, including tactics and technology.
- The defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Part 3: Historic Environment

Section1: Hardwick Hall studies.